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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ some suitable person, and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to collect, arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of such portions of the early State and Provincial Records, and other State Papers of New-Hampshire, as the Governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the State Printer and distributed as follows: namely, one copy to each City and Town in the State, one copy to such of the Public Libraries of this State as the Governor may designate, two hundred copies to the New-Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the State Librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications issued by other States.

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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

Readers of this volume will please understand that the "Provincial" history of New-Hampshire terminated with the publication of Volume VII, 1766–1776. This volume is a continuation of documents and papers relating to New-Hampshire, after it assumed government and took the name, first, of COLONY, and then of STATE of New-Hampshire. The Colonial period continued about one year. Why it was called a "Colony" the editor has found no declared reasons; though it appears that all the other Provinces, Colonies, or States assumed the same designation, and were spoken of during the early part of the Revolution as the UNITED COLONIES of America, as they were claimed to be colonies of Great Britain.

This volume will be found to be of great value, as containing the First Constitution that was adopted by authority of the people of New-Hampshire, 1776, which is claimed and understood to be the *first* that was adopted in any State or Colony in the Union. It contains, also, the New-Hampshire Declaration for Independence,—the "Association Test," as it was called,—in which are found the names of all the male inhabitants of New-Hampshire above twenty-one years of age,—about 8,199 in number,—who signed it, and the names also of 773 who refused to sign it.(1) Readers will take notice that the names attached to the Association Test are not *repeated* in the Index.

Although, under advice, the editor has found it necessary to omit from the proceedings of the General Assembly much mat-

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(1) The above statement was made by the late John Farmer, Esq., but a careful count may, perhaps, vary the sum total.—ED.

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ter relating to personal and town affairs, yet he has carefully copied and included in this volume whatever records, documents, and correspondence he could find relating to the part which New-Hampshire took in the Revolution. In this regard New-Hampshire has a proud history: she furnished her full quota of men from time to time, and her officers and soldiers did noble service for liberty.

The editor regrets that the undue size of this volume,—with matter which could not be omitted,—renders it necessary to defer the proceedings of the Conventions which were called to settle a form of government for the State, and which resulted in the adoption of a new Constitution in 1783. He hopes, however, to find ample space for the same in a subsequent volume.

The editor desires to express, publicly, his acknowledgments to their Excellencies, Governors EZEKIEL A. STRAW and JAMES A. WESTON, for the interest they have taken in this publication, and the encouragement which, by their counsels, they have given him in his work.

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☞ Names not repeated in the Index.—ED.]

	Signers.	Non-Signers.
Amherst	201	4
Allenstown	21	1
Alstead	66	4
Acworth	32	0
Lemster(1)	24	0
Unity	26	4
Atkinson	97	0
Barnstead	37	0
Barrington	200	12
Bedford	87	1
Boscawen(2)	108	1
Bow	63	0
Brentwood	160	18
Canterbury	128	0
Claremont	84	16+31
Chester	221	0
Chesterfield	139	13
Concord	156	0
Conway, &c.	55	0
Deerfield	157(3)	20
Deering	33	2
Derryfield	47	0
Dublin	57(4)	0
Dunbarton	59	10
Dunstable [no return]		
Canaan	24	0
Enfield	13	0
Epping	209	11
Epsom	68	2
Exeter—[no complete returns; see p. 248.]		
East Kingston	78	3
Francestown [no return]		
Gilmanton	115	32+21
Gilsom	42	0
Hampton	174	2
Hampstead	97	21
Hampton-falls [no return]		
Hawke (Danville)	74	4
Henniker	51	22
Hillsborough	35	1
Hinsdale	35	10
Hopkintown	161	14
Keene	133	13
Kensington	118	20
Kingstown	150	14
Lebanon	87	0
Exeter ? [imperfect]	48	
Leavittstown (Effingham)	17	0
Lee	142	14
Londonderry	375	15
Loudon	69	0
Meredith	48	0
Monadnock No. 5 (Marlboro')	50	5
New Boston	108	0
New Castle	57	4
Newington	67	3
Newmarket	164	38
North Hampton	116	0
[Newport—see p. 282.]		
Northwood	61	1
Nottingham	104	25
Nottingham W. (Hudson)	118	1
Packersfield (Nelson)	38	1
Pembroke	129	9
Peterborough	84	0
Piermont(5)	35	0
Portsmouth	509	46
Raby (Brookline)	23	0
Richmond	156	12
Rindge	150	0
Rochester	198	22
Rye	123	0
Salem	171	36
Salisbury	83	2
Sanbornton	80	1
Sandown	103	7
Sandwich	37	9

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(1) In Lempster, for the name *Trugrace*, read Freegrace.
(2) In Boscawen, for Willm *Welch*, read Mirick; and for *Jerome* Little, read Friend.
(3) By error, 101.
(4) By error, 22.
(5) Dorchester was classed with Piermont.—ED.

	Signers.	*Non-Signers.*		*Signers.*	*Non-Signers.*
Newport	36	0	Temple	84	3
Croydon	31	4	Wakefield	62	0
Saville	18	0	Weare	131	41
Society Land (Antrim)	25	0	Westmoreland	130	6
			Wilton	128	2
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EBENEZER THOMPSON,
WYSEMAN CLAGETT,
JONATHAN BLANCHARD,
SAMUEL ASHLEY,
BENJAMIN GILES,
JOHN HURD.

1777. NICHOLAS GILMAN,
GEORGE ATKINSON,
TIMOTHY WALKER,
MATTHEW PATTEN,
BENJAMIN BELLOWS.

1779. MOSES NICHOLS,
JACOB ABBOT.

1780. GEORGE ATKINSON,
JOHN McCLARY,

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(1) It does not appear from the records that Thomas W'k Waldron took his seat as a councilor, but that Hon. John Wentworth was in his stead as councilor from Strafford Co.

1780.	TIMOTHY FARRAR, SAMUEL HUNT, ENOCH HALE, CHARLES JOHNSTON.
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1782.	TIMOTHY FARRAR, JACOB ABBOT, THOMAS SPARHAWK, CHARLES JOHNSTON.
1783.	FRANCIS WORCESTER.

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A JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the Colony of New-Hampshire, who Convened at Exeter as Delegates From the Several Towns, Parishes & Places in said Colony on the Twenty first day of December A: Dom 1775, and Continued A Congress, untill the Fifth day of January A: Dom 1776, and Then (by leave of the Hon^{ble} The Continental Congress) Resolved themselves into a House of Representatives or Assembly for the Colony of New-Hampshire.

In Congress Friday November 3^{d} 1775.

The Congress taking into Consideration the report of the Committee on the New-Hampshire Instructions—*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Provincial Convention of New-Hampshire to Call a Full and Free Representation of the People, and that the Representatives, if they think it Necessary, Establish Such a Form of Government, as in their Judgment will best Produce the Happiness of the People, & most Effectually Secure Peace and good order in the Province

During the Continuance of the Present Dispute between Great Britain & the Colonies.

Extract from the Minutes Cha^{s} Thompson Secr^{y} By order of Congress JOHN HANCOCK, President A true Copy Att Noah Emery Dep^{ty} Secr^{y}.

In Congress at Exeter Jan^{ry} 5th 1776.

Voted That this Congress Take up CIVIL GOVERNMENT for this Colony in manner and Form Following viz.

We the members of the Congress of New-Hampshire Chosen and Appointed by the Free Suffrages of the People of said Colony, and Authorised and Impowered by them to meet together, and use such means and Pursue Such Measures as we Should Judge best for the Public Good; And in Particular to establish Some Form of Government, Provided that Measures should be recommended by the Continental Congress; And a Recommendation to that Purpose having been Transmitted to us From the Said Congress; Have taken into our Serious Consideration the Unhappy Circumstances, into [P. 2.] which this Colony is Involved by means of many Grievous and Oppressive Acts of the British Parliament, Depriving us of our Natural & Constitutional rights & Privleges; To Enforce Obedience to which Acts, A Powerful Fleet and Army have been Sent into this Country, by the ministry of Great Britain, who have Exercised a Wanton & Cruel Abuse of their Power, in Destroying the Lives and Properties of the Colonists in many Places with Fire & Sword; Taking the Ships & Lading from many of the Honest and Industrious Inhabitants of this Colony Employed in Commerce, agreeable to the Laws & Customs a long time used here, The Sudden & Abrupt Departure of his Excellency *John Wentworth* Esq^{r} our Late Governor, and Several of the Council, Leaving us Destitute of Legislation, and no Executive Courts being open to Punish Criminal Offenders; whereby the Lives and Propertys of the Honest People of this Colony, are Liable to the Machinations & Evil Designs of wicked men; THEREFORE for the Preservation of Peace and good order, and for the Security of the Lives and Properties of the Inhabitants of this Colony, We Conceive ourselves Reduced to the Necessity of establishing A FORM OF GOVERNMENT to Continue During the Present Unhappy and Unnatural Contest with Great Britain; PROTESTING & DECLARING that we Never

Sought to throw off our Dependance upon Great Britain, but felt ourselves happy under her Protection, while we Could Enjoy our Constitutional Rights and Priviledges,—And that we Shall Rejoice if Such a reconciliation between us and our Parent State can be Effected as shall be Approved by the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS in whose Prudence and Wisdom we confide Accordingly Pursuant to the Trust reposed in us, WE DO RESOLVE That this Congress, Assume the Name, Power & Authority of a house of Representatives or Assembly for the *Colony of New-Hampshire.* And that Said House then Proceed to Choose Twelve Persons being Reputable Freeholders and Inhabitants within this Colony, in the Following manner viz, Five in the County of Rockingham, Two in the County of Strafford, Two in the County of Hillsborough, Two in the County of Cheshire, and one in the County of Grafton, To be a Distinct and Separate Branch of the Legislature, by the Name of A COUNCIL for this Colony, to continue as Such untill the Third Wednesday in December next; any Seven of whom to be a Quorum to do Business. That Such Council appoint their President; and in his absence that the Senior Councellor Preside.

That a Secretary be appointed by both Branches, who may be a Councellor, or otherwise as they shall Choose.

[P. 3.] That no act or resolve Shall be Valid & put into Execution unless agreed to, and passed by both Branches of the Legislature.

That all Public Offices for the Said Colony, and Each County, for the Current Year, be appointed by the Council & Assembly, Except the Several Clerks of the Executive Courts, who shall be appointed by the Justices of the respective Courts.

That all Bills, Resolves, or votes for Raising Levying & Collecting money Originate in the House of Representatives.

That at any Session of the Council and Assembly, Neither Branch Shall Adjourn for any Longer time than from Saturday till the Next Monday without Consent of the other.

And it is further Resolved, That if the Present unhappy Dispute with Great Britain Should Continue longer than this present year, & the Continental Congress Give no Instruction or Direction to the Contrary—The Council be chosen by the People of Each respective County in such manner as the Council & house of Representatives shall order.

That General & field officers of the Militia, on any Vacancy, be appointed by the Two houses and all Inferior officers be chosen by the respective Companys.

That all officers of the Army be appointed by the Two houses, Except they should Direct otherwise in case of any Emergency.

That all Civil officers for the Colony & for Each County be appointed, & the time of their Continuance in office, be Determined by the Two houses, Except Clerks of Courts, & County Treasurers, & recorders of Deeds.

That a Treasurer and a recorder of Deeds for Each County be Annually Chosen by the People of Each County Respectively; The votes for Such officers to be returned to the respective Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the County, there to be ascertained as the Council & Assembly Shall hereafter Direct.

That Precepts in the name of the Council & Assembly Signed by the President of the Council & Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall Issue Annually at or before the first day of November, for the Choice of a Council and house of Representatives to be returned by the third Wednesday in December then next Ensuing, in such manner as the Council & Assembly Shall hereafter Prescribe.

Upon reading the Petition of the agents for the Town of Newtown against Joseph Bartlett, Esq^r (being Present before the House) ordered that the Parties be heard thereon before this house on the 18^th day of January Current if the Assembly be then Sitting and if not then on the Second day of their Sitting after that time.

Petition of Inhabitants of Newtown.

[MS. State Pap. Vol. III., p. 1.]

To the Hon^ble Gent^n of the Congress for the Collony of New-Hampshire Holden at Exeter on Jan^y Instant 1776—

The Petition of us the subscribing agents for the Town of Newtown in s^d Province: Humbly sheweth—That a Greeable to an express rec'd from the Committee of Safety of the 20^th of April last, a number of the inhabitants being together on a Publick fast it was thought expedient by some after service without any further notice to appoint some person to repair immediately to Exeter & join in Congress in consulting measures for the Public Safety—Upon which Joseph Bartlett Esq^r was nominated & chosen—who according to his appointment repaired to Exeter,—who upon his return among other intelligencies Gave the surprising a Count that he was to continue in office for six months from y^e 17^th of May last—thus things continued for some time—at length a different a Count was circulating that the former Congress was desolved, & that we ought to have been notified & made a new choice & that the reason why we ware not Notified was not owing to deficiencie in Congress, but suttlety in our delegate—upon this the town grew uneasy, & a Petition from a great number of the Inhabitants was sent to Exeter to be Presented in Congress. But previous to its being Lodged it was thought Proper to propose a mode of settlement to s^d^ Bartlett who was then setting in Congress to which he a Greed to the acceptance of those intrusted with s^d^ Petition which occasioned its not being Presented in Congress. Since which s^d^ move of settlement Proving ineffectual for the purposes designed makes it necessary for this Application to this Hon^ble^ Congress, earnestly asking your attention to this affair at such a time as your honours in your wisdom may sett apart for that purpose—not doubting but that we shall be able to make it fully Appear that the s^d^ Bartlett had no right to represent this town in Congress Since the 17^th^ of May last—& consequently that we have no right to be taxed with his services. The election of a delegate to represent us especially in this difficult day we look upon a great Privilege & to have it *rested* from us by artificial methods adds a peculiar pungencie to y^e^ grief & makes it tedious to Beare—we only further ask that if on finding our cause right & just & the s^d^ Bartlett the faulty cause of all this trouble you give us cost. Thus we in the Name & Behalf of our a Grieved Brethren the inhabitants of Newtown shall ever pray, &c.

STEPHEN BARTLETT
ROBERT STEWART
TIMOTHY FAVOUR
ABRAHAM KIMBALL.

Voted That the Hon^ble^ Matthew Thornton Esq^r^ be Speaker of this House.

Voted That Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r^ be Clerk of this House.

Voted That Noah Emery Esq^r^ be Assistant Clerk of this House.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock.

[P. 4.] Saturday January 6^th^ 1776.

The house met according to Adjournment.

Voted That the last book of records of the Court of Probate be returned to William Parker, Esq^r^ in order for him to Compleat the Records.

Voted That the Several Muster rolls of Cap^t^ Salter & Cap^t^ Daniel be paid Agreeable to return of the Committee for Examining Muster rolls, Stopping out Such Stoppages as are mentioned in their report thereon.

Voted That the Matrosses under Command of Capt Salter & Capt Daniel be paid off monthly for the future.

Voted That the Account of the Select men of Northhampton amounting to seven pounds nineteen Shillings (for blankets) be allowed & paid out of the Treasury.

Voted That the Treasurer & Deacon Samuel Brooks be a Committee to receive and pay off for all the Blankets that may be Collected in this Colony for the Continental Army and to make report thereof to this house.

Then the House Proceeded to choose Twelve Councellors for this Colony and Voted That the Hon^ble^ Meshech Weare Esq^r^ be first Councellor for this Colony—The Hon^ble^ Matthew Thornton Esq^r^ (Second) William Whipple Esq^r^ (third) Josiah Bartlett Esq^r^ (fourth) Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r^ (fifth) Councellors for the County of Rockingham, Thomas Westbrook Waldron Esq^r^ (Sixth) & Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r^ (Seventh) for the County of Strafford, Wyseman Clagett Esq^r^ (Eight) & Jonathan Blanchard Esq^r^ (ninth) for the County of Hillsborough, Samuel Ashley Esq^r^ (Tenth) & Benjamin Giles Esq^r^ (eleventh) for the County of Cheshire and John Hurd Esq^r^ (Twelfth) for the County of Grafton, for the Current year.

Voted that Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r^ be Secretary for this Colony For the Current year Then the Hon^ble^ the Council & Secretary left the house.

Whereupon the house Voted That Clement March Esq^r^ be Chairman of this House, P. T.

Voted That Samuel Cutts Esq^r^ have an order on the Treasury for Three hundred Pounds to be by him accounted for. Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock afternoon.

Letter from Pierse Long, Esq.

[State Pap. Rev^s^ Vol. III. p. 19.]

Portsm^o^ January 6^th^ 1776.

Sir—

Mr. McClure Tells me there was some difficulty respecting the Roles, which prevented the Moneys from being paid. I sincerely wish every obsticle may be Removed, and their wages may Immediately come down, For I heartily wish to see the time for to get the Troops *of*. Mr. Ayres whom you have appointed waggon master, says he can't make it convenient to undertake for more than Cap^ts^ Dearings, Wiggins & Brewster's Companys, as the others Lives far out of his way, and consequently his Expenses in making preparations will be large; I think in order to save all that Expense those several Captains had better provide carriages for themselves and men. as they will be able to determine the hour perhaps they will go from their Rendezvous. There is one Mr. Beal of this Town an officer of Col. Poor's Regiment, who is Inlisting men from out of the companies down here. to serve during the War. There is a Resolve of Congress dated I think 16^th^ Sept. last, which no Doubt you have, which he thinks authorises him.

The prisoners who are set at Liberty by virtue of your Vote, are without Money or friends, wandering about within their limits, Reflecting on us for making no provision for them. I have been obliged to let some of them sleep in the Barracks, otherways they would in all probability have perished this Inclement season. I had forgot to mention that Mr. Beal has applied to me for a Barrack & other necessarys for his men. I would Likewise inform you That I have paid all the Carpenters who wrought on the new Barracks and on the Bridge, and have purchased near a Sloop Load of Wood at 4 dollars per cord, for the Forts and Troops, which leaves in my hands about one hundred pounds Of the sum of Two Hundred & Thirty five pounds Received of Col° Langdon; and must add theres not one stick of wood now either at the Barracks or Forts, excepting a small matter at Capt Salters. I am this day a going again to find where I can purchase any. *For they can't do without.* I must Intreat your attention to the poor prisoners, who are continually at my house in Droves, Begging for provisions to be made. The Staff Role will be handed to you by Mr. McClure. Have nothing further to add, But am, Sir, your m^t hum Sev^t

PIERSE LONG.

P. S. After I have purchased some more wood I will call on you and settle the above acc^{ts}.

Indorsed—"Col. Long's letter to y^e President, Jan^y 6th 1776."

Monday Jany 8th 1776.

The house met according to adjournment, and the Chairman not being present, Voted that Phillips White Esq^r be chairman pro Tempore.

Voted That this House Proceed to the choice of a Speaker, and that he be Chosen by Ballot, and the Votes being Counted it appeared That Phillips White Esq^r was Chosen Speaker of this House, who took the Chair accordingly.

Voted that Noah Emery Esq^r be Clerk of this House.

Voted to Choose a Committee of Five Members of this house to draw up Rules for the order of this house—& that Cap^t Giddings, Cap^t Long, Maj^r Downing John Dudley, Esq^r & Col Walker be the Committee for that purpose & to report as soon as may be.

[P. 5.] Jan^y 8th 1776—P. M.

Voted that Precepts be sent out to the several Towns & Places in this Colony (whose Representatives are advanced to the Council) to Choose New Members to Represent them in this Assembly.

The Clerk of this House being Necessarily Called out of the house, Voted That Samuel Cutts Esq^r be Clerk pro Tempore.

Voted to Choose Two Monitors, and that Israel Morey Esq^r^ & Doc^t^ Levi Dearborn be Monitors of this House.

Adjourned to 9 O'Clock Tomorrow morning.

Tuesday Jan^y^ 9^th^ 1776.

The house met according to adjournment. The Committee appointed yesterday to draw up Rules for the order of this house, made report of Twelve rules following, which being Distinctly read & Considered, Voted that the Same be accepted, adopted, and made rules for the order of this house, and are as Follows, Viz^t^.

1^st^ That Whoseoever shall by any Misbehaviour in Speech or action Justly offend any of the members of the House, Shall for the first offence be admonished and for the Second be Fined as the house shall see meet.

2^d^ That no member Speak twice to any matter in Debate before the House—Until every member have Liberty to Speak once to the Same matter if he Should see Cause.

3^d^ That every member Direct his Speech to the Speaker, and not one to another, and when any member has a mind to Speak to any matter in Debate he shall Stand up and ask leave of the Speaker, and not Speak without his Consent, and shall be Silent at his Command; But if the member Speaking think such Command unseasonable or unreasonable, the Speaker Shall take a Vote of the House thereon, To which Such member Shall Submit on Pain of Forfeiting Such Sum as the House Shall Determine.

4^th^ That Whenever it happens that there are as many Votes on the one Side of a Question as on the other without the Speaker, That then the Speaker make the Casting Vote.

5^th^ That If the Speaker be absent, the House may choose a Speaker pro Tempore That the business of the House may be Carried on without Delay.

6^th^ That if any member, after being Qualified & Entered, Shall absent himself at any time without Leave from the House, he Shall be Liable to be fined at the Discretion of the House.

7^th^ That if any member of this House Shall by the major part of the House Be thought unfitt; and not Qualified for Said Place, It shall be [P. 6.] in the Power of the House to Dismiss Such Person, Giving Notice to the Town or Towns, Parish or Parishes where he belongs to Choose another to fill up such Vacancy.

8^th^ That Every Bill to be passed in this House, Be read Three times, and that there be Two adjournments of this House before any Bill be Passed into An act.

9^th^ That the Speaker & Thirty of the members returned, be a House to do Business.

10th That no Vote that is passed in this House shall be reconsidered by a Lesser Number than were Present when Passed.

11th That no Vote Shall be Valid unless Passed by a majority of the members Present—

12th That no member make any new motion untill that which is under Consideration is Determined or Postponed.

Voted, That Col° Morey be Excused from being a Monitor to this house, and That Samuel Cutts Esqr be Chosen & Appointed in his room—

Voted That Cap Long, Col° Morey & John Dudley Esq, be a Committee of this House to Confer with a Committee of the Honble Council and report to this house what Business is Necessary to be Immediately Entered upon.

General Folsom Came down from the board & Informed the House that the Honble Council had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this house to Confer & report what Business Shall be Immediately Entered upon, and the Committee of this house Immediately Attended them accordingly.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The house met according to Adjournment.

Voted, That John Dudley Esqr Col° Walker, John McClary Esqr Col° Evens & Capt Prentice be a Committee to Draft an Act to Confirm the Proceedings of the late Congresses—Excepting what relates to the pay of the members of this House.

Voted, That Noah Emery & Samuel Cutts Esqr & Col° David Gilman be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Council To Revise the System of Laws Lately in force in this Colony, and to Report what Alterations additions & amendments of them are Necessary to be made in our Present Circumstances, For the Guidance of the Executive Officers of Government. Sent up for Concurrence.

The honble Council Joined to the above Committee the Honble Matthew Thornton, Ebenezer Thompson & Wyseman Clagett Esqr—

Voted, That Mr Secretary Thompson & Col Baker be Desired as soon as may be to procure Two books for records.

The one for the Honble Council and the other for this House, and that the Treasurer be Directed to pay for them. Sent up for Concurrence. Then the House adjourned to Tomorrow morning, 9. o'clock.

[P. 7.] Wednesday Jany 10th 1776.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Clerk of the house being Necessarily Called away—

Voted That Timothy Walker Junr Esqr be Clerk pro Tempore.

Voted, That John Dudley Esqr. Capt Prentice, Mr. Baldwin & Mr. Chase be a Committee to State the wages of the Present House of Assembly & the Hon.ble Council, and make report to this house as Soon as may be.

Voted, That the Clerk of this House Apply to the Honble Meshech Weare Esqr, Clerk of the Late House of Assembly of this Colony for the journals & files of said late Assembly.

Voted, That Col Morey, Col Gerrish, Major Bellows & Capt Prentice be a Committee to State the Quantity & Quality of fire arms Necessary to be Purchased by this Colony, and make report to this house as soon as may be.—

Voted, That Colo Nicholas Gilman Esqr Be and hereby is appointed Treasurer & Receiver General for this Colony for one year from the Twenty first day of December last, and to Continue after that Time untill a New Appointment of the General Assembly, he giving bond with two Sufficient Sureties in the Sum of one hundred Thousand Pounds to the Speaker of this house, for the time being, in behalf of the Colony for the faithfull Discharge of his Trust.

Sent up to the board by Col Gilman & Capt Moulton. Voted, That the Town of Allenstown, being Taxed the last year the Sum of £3..6..1, more than their proportion, with other towns in this Colony, The Said Town be abated that Sum. Sent up by Col Gilman & Capt Moulton.—

Voted that the Honble Meshech Weare Esqr—be Chief Justice of the Superiour Court of Judicature for this Colony. That Matthew Thornton Esqr be Second Justice, Leverett Hubbard Esqr third Justice and Elisha Pain Esqr Fourth Justice of Said Court. Sent up by Colo Gilman & Capt Moulton—

Adjourned to half after 2 o'clock P. M.

Jan^{y} 10 P m.

The house met according to Adjournment. Upon a motion made by Sam^{l} Sherburne Esq^{r} Voted that he wait on the Hon^{ble} Council and Enquire whether they have received any Publick Letters—Mr. Blanchard Came down from the board & Informed the House that the Hon^{ble} Council had received no Public Letters but what they had Communicated to the house.

Voted That Thomas Sparhawk Esq^{r} be Judge of the Probate of Wills and for Granting administration of the Estates of Persons Deceased in & for the County of Cheshire, and that Ichabod Fisher Esq^{r} be register for that County.

Voted That Samuel Ashley Esq be first Justice of the Inferiour Court of Common pleas for the County of Cheshire; Benjamin Bellows Jun^{r} Esq^{r} Second Justice, Samuel Chase, Esq^{r} third Justice and Enoch Hale, Esq^{r} the fourth Justice of said Court.

Voted, That Benjamin Bellows Ju^{r} Esq^{r} be Recorder of Deeds & Conveyances for the said County of Cheshire.

Voted, That Samuel Hunt Esq^{r} be Sheriff of the County of Cheshire.

[P. 8.] Voted, That Thomas Sparhawk Esq^{r} be County Treasurer for the County of Cheshire.

Voted, That Matthew Patten Esq^{r} be Judge of the Probate of Wills & for granting administration of the Estates of Persons Deceased in and for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That Jonathan Lovewell Esq^{r} be first Justice of the Inferiour Court, of Common pleas, for the County of Hillsborough, Jeremiah Page Esq^{r} Second Justice, Timothy Farrar Esq^{r} third Justice and Henry Gerrish Esq^{r} fourth Justice of said Court.

Voted, That James Underwood Esq^{r} be Register of the Court of Probate for s^{d} County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That Moses Nichols Esq^{r} be recorder of Deeds & Conveyances for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted That Deacon Nahum Baldwin be County Treasurer for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That Moses Kelley Esq^{r} be Sheriff of the County of Hillsborough.

The foregoing Eleven Votes for officers were Sent up to the hon^{ble} Board.

The house adjourned till tomorrow 9 O'Clock forenoon.

Thursday Jan^y 11^th 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted, That William Parker, Esq^r one of the Pay masters to our Forces have an order on the Treasurer for Three hundred & thirty five pounds, Seven Shillings & five pence, to pay off the rolls yet unpaid, and that the President of the Council give his warrant on the Treasurer for the Same, Accordingly. Sent up to the board.

Voted, That Theophilus Gilman & Cap^t Charles Rundlett be added to the Committee for Examining accounts against this Colony.

A Petition of Sundry Members of this house being read—Voted that it lay upon the Table for Consideration.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock afternoon.

The house met according to Adjournment.

A Copy of an anonimous Letter was bro't into the house by one of the members & ordered to be read (by the Speaker) whereupon the Clerk of the house read the same, and is as follows—

Portsmouth Jan^y 11^th 1776—

DEAR SIR, as the Committee Chosen yesterday by this Town are just agoing to Exeter, with a Petition & remonstrance to the Congress Against their Proceedings, I thought I would Just Inform you of it. For I think it gives a Silley Cast to all their Doings. I hope they will not Comply with their request. The Objections was first Started in the Committee at the work-house, the night before last, and the Town meeting Call'd yesterday, the meeting was Very thin, not above Forty or Fifty persons in it. Every one in the meeting Voted for it. Though I believe they were actuated by different Motives. They have Voted to Send Circular Letters to all the Towns, that they may remonstrate likewise. It was proposed I think by designing men, on purpose to make a Division in the Colony, and I believe will go near to Effect it unless the Wisdom of the Congress Prevents it. I am &c

VERITAS.

[P. 9.] Read a Petition from Sundry members of this house and also a remonstrance or Petition of the Town of Portsmouth.

[The petition of members of the House is not preserved: See Remonstrance of the Town of Portsmouth, on a subsequent page. ED.]

The House Examined Several Gentlemen lately from London, about the State of Affairs there Concerning America.

Voted, That the Petition from the Town of Portsmouth lay for Consideration.

Voted, That the Petition of Fourteen members of this house be Dismist.

Voted, That Col Walker be added to the Committee for Examining Muster-rolls in the room of Phillips White Esqr our Speaker.

Voted, That John Hurd Esqr be Recorder of Deeds & Conveyances &c for the County of Grafton.

Voted, That Israel Morey Esqr be Judge of the Probate of Wills & for Granting Administration of the Estates of Persons Deceased, in the County of Grafton.

Voted, That Elisha Pain Esqr be register of Probate for the County of Grafton.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Friday Jany 12th 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That John Hurd Esqr be first Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton, and that Bezaleel Woodward, Esqr Israel Morey Esqr & Samuel Emerson Esqr be Justices of Said Court.

Voted, That Jotham Cummings Esqr be Sheriff of the County of Grafton.

Voted, That Capt George Turner's Company of Artillery be paid out of the Treasury the Sum of one hundred & fifty Pounds towards their wages in the Service of this Colony, and that the President of the Councill give his Warrant on the Treasurer for the Same. Sent up for Concurrence.

Adjourned till half past two o'clock P m.

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted That Timothy Walker & William Parker Esqrs be a Committee to join with The secretary by Leave of the Honble Board To prepare & Correct the Plan or Form of Government for this Colony and fit it for the Press. Sent up for Concurrence.

Voted, That the Account of John Hart Jur Amounting to £13: 1: 3. be allowed & Paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up to the board.

Voted, That the ballance of the account of Benjamin Chadbourne Amounting to £ 76: 15: 10. be allowed and Paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up to the board—

[P. 10.] Voted, That the account of Jonathan Flood amounting to Nine Shillings, be allowed & paid out of the Treasury and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof.—Sent up.

Voted, That the ballance of the account of George Hart amounting to £190: 10: 3. be allowed and paid out of the Treasury and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up.

Voted, That the ballance of the account of Elisha Hill amounting to £80: 14: 3½. be allowed & paid out of the Treasury and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof—Sent up—

Voted, That the account of John Hopkinson amounting in the whole to £56: 15: 8—after Deducting £14: 3: 11. over Charged as by report of the Committee appointed to examine & adjust accounts against this Colony, making the ballance to said Hopkinson £42: 11: 9. be allowed.

Cap^{t} Long and M^{r} Sherburn brot in the Following Dissent & Protest which was read, and is as follows, viz,

> We the Subscribers chosen by the People of several Towns in the Colony of New-Hampshire to represent them in the Congress of said Colony, Held at Exeter on the 21st day of December 1775, Beg Leave to Enter our Dissent to and Protest against the Present Plan of Taking up Government. For the following Reasons—
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> First That the Vote of the Continental Congress Countenancing the Same was obtained by the Unwearied Importunity (*both within Doors and without*) of our Delegates there, as appears by their Letter.
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> Second, That the Said Vote does not appear to have been unanimous, but we have reason to think Very otherwise.
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> Third, Because the Colonies of New York & Virginia which are in Similar Circumstances with us, are much Larger & more oppulent, and we Presume much Wiser (to whom we would pay all Due Deference) have not attempted anything of the Kind, nor as we Can Learn, Ever Desired it.
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> Fourth, Because we have no ground on which to pretend to make a Councill, as our Neighbours of the Massachusetts, who act by Charter Never Vacated on any Legal Trial.—
>
> Fifth, Because it appears assuming for so Small & Inconsiderable a Colony to take the Lead in a Matter of So great Importance.
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> Sixth, Because our Constituents never Expected us to make a New Form of Government, But only to set the Judicial & Executive wheels in Motion.
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> Seventh, Because the Congress, as such, Could have done what was Necessary, and their Power could not be Enlarged by any Act of their own.
>
> Eight. Because the expense of the Colony is greatly augmented thereby—

Ninth, Because it appears to us too much like Setting up an Independency on the Mother Country. January 10th 1776. [Signed]

North Hill, LEVI DEARBORN,	Kensington EZEKIEL WORTHEN,
Newington RICHARD DOWNING,	Stratham BENJAMIN BARKER,
Portsmouth SAM^{l} SHERBURNE,	Rochester JAMES KNOWLES,
Dover STEPHEN EVANS,	Sandwich, & Moultonborough—DANIEL BEEDE.
Portsm^{o} PEIRCE LONG,	Lee HERCULES MOONEY.
Rye NATHAN GOSS,	
Dover, OTIS BAKER,	

Entered according to the original on file.
Attest NOAH EMERY, Clerk D. Rep^{s}.

[P. 11.] A Committee from the Town of Portsmouth bro't into the House a request from the Town of Portsmouth, which was read and is as Follows—Viz^{t}.

Colony of New Hamp^{e} } At a Town meeting held at Portsmouth this 12th day of Jan^{y} 1776,

Voted Unanimously That Ammi R. Cutter Esq^{r} George King Esq^{r} and Cap^{t} George Wentworth be a Committee to write a Letter to the Congress—requesting to be favored with the Original of an Anonymous Letter, read in Congress this day.—The said Committee accordingly returned with the Following Draught, which was Voted to be forthwith Sent to the Congress—and is as follows—Portsmouth 12th Jan^{ry} 1776. To the Hon^{ble} the Congress at Exeter.—May it please your hon^{s} —The Committee appointed to Preferr the Petition of this Town, of the 10th Instant having acquainted us, That after they had Preferr'd the Same & had retired, they were Informed that a Letter Subscribed, VERITAS, was read before your hon^{s} Purporting that it was Voted at a very thin meeting, with other Assertions Utterly False, Scandalous, and Derogatory to the Honour of the Town. It is our Duty to Acquaint your Hon^{s} that there were upwards of Two hundred Persons Present, who Unanimously Voted therefor, and we Earnestly request That your hon^{s} will indulge us with a Sight of the Original Letter of which that was a Copy, in order that the author who has been guilty of this Scandalous Falsehood, may receive the reward of his Just Demerit. Portsmouth Jan^{ry} 12th 1776.
A true Copy attest John Penhallow Town Clerk.
Entered according to the Original, attest N. Emery C^{k} D. Rep^{s}.

The Petition of the Principal Inhabitants of Southhampton, relating to the Estates of Elijah Brown & Moses Brown, Praying that this House would make Some Effectual Act or lay some barr so they may not squander away their Estates without the knowledge of the Town, &c. Being read, ordered that it lay for further consideration.

The Committee to draw a Plan for Providing fire arms for a Colony Stock Report as follows viz.

That for every good firearm Manufactured in this Colony, made after the following manner (viz) a Barrell, three feet nine Inches long to carry an ounce ball, a good Bayonet, with blade Eighteen inches long, Iron ramrod with a Spring to retain the Same, the makers name Engraved on the Lock, Which Shall be delivered at Exeter to Nicholas Gilman Esq^{r} receiver General on or before the first of May next, the owner of Such firearms, receive Three pounds for Each, of said receiver General, after having Tryed said gun in the Presence of the said receiver General with four Inches & a half of Powder well wadded, at his the owner's own Risque, and that there be appointed one Good man well approved, [P. 12.] in Each County to receive any firearms so made in said County on the Same Condition (as before mentioned for the rec^{r} General to receive them) and the Persons so appointed, to receive the money for the Number of Guns so Delivered;

Which report being read & Considered, Voted that the Same be received and Established as a resolve of this house—and Voted That Col^{o} Evans for the County of Strafford, Samuel Emerson for the county of Grafton, Major John Bellows for the County of Cheshire & Deacon Nahum Baldwin for the County of Hillsborough, be receivers of fire-arms agreeable to the afores^{d} resolve. Sent up Jan^{y} 20th.

The Memorial & Remonstrance of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth, being bro't into the house was read, and is as follows—

Colony of New Hampshire, Portsmouth Jan^{y} 10th 1776—

To the Hon^{ble} Congress now Sitting at Exeter in and for said Colony—

The Memorial and Remonstrance of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in Legal Town meeting Convened, Humbly Shews:—That your memorialists are Greatly Alarmed by the Information of their Delegates—That they together with the other Delegates of the Several Towns in said Colony were about to Dissolve their Existence as a Congress & assume that of a House of Representatives, and to proceed to an Election of Twelve Counsellors, who are to act as another Branch of Legislation for the future Government of this Colony, Which measure your Memorialists with all Decency, Tenderness & respect, beg Leave to Remonstrate against for the Following Weighty reasons.—

First as we are of opinion that the Inhabitants of the Colony, do not Generally approve of this measure, We would Therefore have wished to have had the minds of the People fully Taken on Such a Momentous Concernment, and to have Known the Plan, before it was Adopted, & carried into Execution, which is *Their* Inherent right.

Secondly we humbly conceive that Such a measure is an Open Declaration of Independency, which we can by no means Countenance untill we Shall know the Sentiments of the British Nation in General—We have hitherto Viewed the Controversy as with the Ministry & Parliament only, and our Enemies are Stiled the Ministerial Army & Navy, and we have considered them as Acting Contrary to the Voice of the Nation.—We have just received Certain Advices That our Friends in Great Britain are at this very Time Exerting themselves & Uniting in their Petitions for a redress of our Grievances, and in all Probability will make a Powerfull Division in our Favour, and will Finally Prevail

[P. 13.] if it is once fully believed that we are not aiming at *Independency*, but when they Perceive we are Setting up a New Form of Government, they will be Exasperated against us and losing Sight of their former Friendship, & affection will be filled with resentment & charge us with Duplicity—

Thirdly, We have the Highest opinion of the upright Disposition of the Congress, and that what they have done is Intended for the General Good, but at the same time must beg leave to Suggest our apprehensions that this Measure will have a Tendency to Disunite us, which is a most alarming Consideration as being a Circumstance which we are well Informed our Enemies Greatly Expect & would be rejoiced to hear of. We would be Cautious of Prolixity in Addressing your Honours, but must begg leave to repeat that the ministry among other Deceptions have asserted that the Rebellious War, (as they Term it) "now Levied "is become more General and is manifestly Carried on for the Purpose "of Establishing an Independency." This our friends in Great Britain utterly deny. While we are Governed by a Congress they have a right so to do, because Necessity Compells us to the Measure, but they will Certainly make a very wide Distinction between Necessity and what will be called Usurpation, The Consequences of which Deserve Due Weight.—We therefore Humbly pray that the Assumption of Government may at Least be Suspended for the Present, & that Some regulation may be adopted for the Preservation of Property Under Such Restrictions as the Congress in their wisdom Shall think Proper, and your Memorialists as in duty bound shall ever Pray. Portsmouth Jan^ry^ 10^th^ 1776 A true Copy attest John Penhallow Town Clerk.—

Entered according to the original Presented to the House
Attest N. Emery C^k^ D Rep^s^—

Portsmouth Town meeting.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 41.]

Colony of New Hamp^r^ } At a Town meeting held at Portsmouth Monday the 15th day of January 1776,

The Question being put to the meeting whether the Town will choose a Committee to go to Exeter to inforce the Petition from this Town now laying before the Congress at Exeter, for suspending taking up a new form of government for the present—

Voted, That they will send a Committee to Exeter for said purpose.

Voted That John Pickering Col^o^ Joshua Wentworth & John Wendell Esq^rs^ be and hereby are a Committee to go to Exeter to speak to the Petition now laying before the Congress from this Town, & to make report thereof at the adjournment of this meeting.

Portsmouth January 16th 1776.
a true Copy. attest,
John Penhallow, Town clerk.

Voted, That Moses Nicholls Esq^r^ be an Assistant to the Clerk of this House. Voted That Matthew Patten Esq^r^ of

Bedford, Jonathan Lovewell Esq^r^ of Dunstable, Jeremiah Page Esq^r^ of Dunbarton, Timothy Farrar Esq^r^ of New Ipswich, Henry Gerrish Esq^r^ of Boscawen & Moses Nicholls Esq^r^ of Amherst be Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.—

Voted that Daniel Emerson Ju^r^ of Hollis and Samuel Kimball of Henniker be Coroners for the County of Hillsborough.—

[P. 14.] Voted That John Hurd Esq^r^ be County Treasurer for the County of Grafton.—

Voted, That Samuel Cutts, Timothy Walker & David Gilman Esq^r^ be a Committee of this house to Confer with a Committee of the hon^ble^ Board about the adjournment of the Council and Assembly, and to make report at what time & to what time the Hon^ble^ Board think best to adjourn. Sent up by Mess^rs^ Cutts & Walker. Adjourned for a Quarter of an hour, then met according to Adjournment.

An Act for Confirming & Establishing the Votes, Resolves & Proceedings of the Several late Congresses of the Colony of New Hampshire, was read a Second Time.

Mr. Blanchard Came from the Council & Informed the house that the Hon^ble^ Board had appointed a Committee to Confer with the Committee of this house about Adjourning.

Voted, That Cap^t^ Peirce Long be paid out of the Treasury the sum of one Hundred Pounds, towards his account as Barrack Master, to be by him accounted for and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for the payment thereof. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin.—

Voted, That the Members of the Hon^ble^ Council, and the Hon^ble^ the Justices of the Superiour Court of Judicature, be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum throughout this Colony.

Voted, That the Justices of the Inferiour Court of Common pleas in the County of Cheshire be Justices of the Peace for that County.

Voted That Col^o^ Benjamin Bellows Be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum throughout this Colony.

Voted, That Francis Smith Esq^r^ of Plainfield be a Justice of the peace for the county of Cheshire.

Voted, That Samuel Trott Esq^r^ be Coroner for the County of Cheshire.

Voted, That Samuel Cutts Timothy Walker & David Gilman Esq^rs^—be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to Draw up a Recommendation of M^{r} Johnson (an Indian Preacher) to the Indian Nations. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock A M.

Saturday Jan^{y} 13th

Met according to adjournment, and made a Collection in the house for the rev^{d} M^{r} Joseph Johnson, of £5. 2. 6., Presented him by M^{r} Cutts—

Voted, That James Underwood Esq^{r} of Litchfield and Isaac Andrews Esq^{r} of Hillsborough be Justices of the peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That the Rev^{d} Doctor Eleazer Wheelock of Hanover and Israel Morey Esq^{r} of Orford be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Grafton.

[P. 15.] Voted That Bezaleel Woodward Esq^{r} of Hanover, Samuel Emerson Esq^{r} of Plimouth, Daniel Brainard Esq^{r} of Rumney, John Wheatly Esq^{r} of Lebanon and Joseph Peverly Esq^{r} of Northumberland, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

Voted, To Choose a Committee to Collect the Evidence of Losses Sustained in this Colony since the shutting up of our Ports.

Voted, That John Giddings Esq^{r} and Cap^{t} John Emery be a Committee of this house to Join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to collect the Evidence of all Losses Sustained in this Colony since the Shutting up of our Ports.

Voted, That the Staff Roll of Col^{l} Wingate amounting to Seventy three pounds Nineteen Shillings & four pence be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council Give order on the Treasurer for Payment thereof

Sent up by Col^{l} Baker

Upon Reading the Petition of the Town of Dover, Voted that they be heard thereon on thursday next if this house be then Sitting, and if not, then on the Second day of their Next Session. The Petition from Greenland, and that from Portsmouth to be heard on the Same day.

Voted That Col^{l} Walker, Col^{l} Morey, Cap^{t} Prentice, Cap^{t} Long & M^{r} Sherburne be a Committee to Draft a Letter in answer to the request of the Com^{tee} of Portsmouth

Adjourned to Monday next at 3, o'clock afternoon

Monday January 15th 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

The Bill for Confirming & Establishing the Votes, resolves, & Proceedings of the Several late Congresses of the Colony of New Hampshire, having been read a third time, Voted that it Pass to be Enacted.—Sent up by

Voted That Capt Abijah Learned be allowed & paid out of the Treasury the Sum of Twenty three Shillings & four pence, (being So much Short allowance to him in the Late pay roll of the Congress) and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof Sent up by

Upon reading the Petition of the Selectmen of Newington, Voted That they be heard thereon on Thursday next if the General Assembly be then Sitting and if not, then on the Second day of the next Session of the Assembly.

[p. 16.] Voted, That the Members of the Honble Council, and the Members of this house receive Five Shillings per day for their Attendance on the General Assembly Sundays Included, and Two pence per mile Travel to and from their homes. Excepting Such members as live within fifteen miles of the Place where the Genl Assembly Sitts who shall receive pay for their Travel to and from their Homes, & have no pay for Sundays: and that Each member living more than fifteen miles from Court shall receive pay for their Travel on every adjournment of the assembly for a Longer time than from Saturday till monday; Excepting the Travel on one Late Adjournment from Saturday till Tuesday, on which adjournment they are to receive pay for Sunday & monday; and that they receive their pay at the End of Every Session, out of the Publick Treasury on a pay roll to be Certified by the Secretary and the clerk of the House, respectively, and Lodged with the Treasurer.—Sent up for Concurrence Jany 22d.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Jany 16th 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted, That Coll Evans, Capt Wait & Capt Prentice be a Committee to Examine into & allow Such Muster-rolls as may be laid before them, and report thereon.

Voted, That Major James Hackett Forthwith repair to Portsmouth and to the Fortresses at Piscataqua harbour, and muster the Artillery men & Matrosses, and make returne to this house as soon as may be.—

Voted, That M^r^ Speaker, Col^l^ Walker, Col^l^ David Gilman & Cap^t^ Moulton be a Committee to Enquire into the Structure & the cost of a Powder Mill, and make report to this house as soon as may be.

Voted, That Andrew Savage Crocker, John Sloane, Cap^t^ Edward Buckman, & Deacon Francis Worcester, be Coroners for the County of Grafton.

Voted, that Samuel Moore, Cap^t^ Ebenezer Webster & Enoch Page be Coroners for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted that Moses Chase Esq^r^ & Samuel Hills be Coroners for the County of Cheshire.

Voted That Joseph Bean Esq^r^ of Salisbury be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That Col^l^ Evans, Cap^t^ Prentice & Major Bellows be a Committee of this house to join a committee of the Hon^ble^ Council to prepare & bring in a bill to Enable the Moderator of any Town or Parish meeting in this Colony to administer the oath of office to the Town or Parish Clerks, and also to Enable the said Clerks to Administer the proper oaths of office to all other Town or Parish officers. Sent up by

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock P. M.

[P. 17.] The house met according to Adjournment.

Voted, to choose a Committee of Safety to consist of three members of this House and —— of the Council. To transact the Business of this Colony in the recess of the General Assembly.

Voted to build a Galley at the charge of this Colony, to Cruise on our Sea Coast and to be used for the Benefit of Defending our Harbours and of annoying our Enemies.

The Petition of the Town of Rochester being read, Voted that the Petitioners be heard thereon on thursday next, if this house be then Sitting, and if not, Then on the Second day of the next Session of this Assembly.

Voted That Phillips White Esq^r^ Cap^t^ Josiah Moulton & Cap^t^ Peirce Long be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board and in conjunction to act as a Committee of Safety for this Colony in the Recess of the Gen^{l} Assembly—and that they have the same powers and authority as the Late Committee of Safety appointed by the Late Congress had—Sent up by

Voted, That the muster-roll of Cap^{t} John Brewster amounting to £84 : 8 : 11¾ be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by

Voted That a Letter of Recommendation & of Direction be Presented to the rev^{d} M^{r} Joseph Johnson, to be signed by the Speaker of this house and by the President of the Council. Sent up by Major Kelley.

Voted That Cap^{t} John Bell, Cap^{t} Hercules Mooney & Co^{l} Timothy Walker be a Committee to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to write & forward a Letter to Gen^{l} Sullivan concerning Adam Stuart late of Londonderry, being a person Suspected of being Enemical to this Country. Sent up by

Voted That the account of Cap^{t} Jacob Tilton amounting to £10 : 17 : 4—be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by

Voted That Noah Emery Esq^{r} Cap^{t} Stephen Harriman & Cap^{t} Prentice be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to Prepare & bring in a bill for Establishing the fees of the Several offices in this Colony. Sent up by

Voted That Samuel Cutts, Israel Morey & John Bellows Esq^{r} be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to Consult about firearms, and to prepare a Letter in answer to a Letter from his Excellency General Washington respecting the Same. Sent up by

Adjourned to tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Letter from General Washington to Matthew Thornton.

[Amer. Ar. 4 Ser. Vol. IV. p. 672.]

Cambridge, January 13, 1776.

SIR:—I am sorry that I should so often trouble you respecting this army, and that I am under the necessity of applying to you again.

To my great surprise, Sir, I find that, notwithstanding I have taken the utmost pains to prevent the soldiers that would not reinlist in the new army from carrying away their arms, or such of them as were good, the whole number collected amounts to only one thousand, six hundred and twenty, of which there are no more than one hundred and twenty now in store, the rest being delivered to the recruits who have come in.

I also find, from the Report of the recruiting officers that few men are to be inlisted who have fire-arms in their hands, and that they are reduced to the disagreeable alternative of getting men without any, or no men at all. What is to be done? Must not these Governments exert themselves in procuring them from the several towns, or in such other manner as to them shall seem most effectual and speedy.

To account minutely for this great deficiency would be tedious, and of no importance. I shall only say, that it has arisen from two causes, to wit: the badness of the arms of the old army, which the inspectors and appraisers did not think worth detaining, and to the disobedience of some Regiments carrying theirs away, in a manner, by stealth, notwithstanding every order I could issue, and even solemn threats of stopping the pay for the months of November and December, of those that should.

The prospect of getting imported arms is so remote and uncertain that I cannot depend upon it. I therefore, request the favor of you to inform me, whether you have any, and what number belongs to the government, as also, if you will be able to procure more, in what time. If you have any or can get them, I shall be glad to take them on account of the *United Colonies*. They must be had if possible. I have wrote to the Honorable General Court of this Province about the same, but have not received their answer. Should any of your Militia be here when I get your answer, will it be prudent to apply to them for their arms? Leaving it optional in them cannot be amiss; but, will the necessity of the case justify an involuntary detention of them? I ask for information. I am, Sir, with great esteem, &c.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

To the Hon. Matthew Thornton, Esq.
President of the Convention of New Hampshire.

[P. 18.] Wednesday Jan^ry^ 17^th^ 1776.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted That Phillips White Esq^r^ be Judge of the Probate of Wills & for Granting Administration of the Estates of Persons Deceased within the County of Rockingham.

Voted That William Parker Jun^r^ Esq^r^ be Register of Probate for the County of Rockingham.

Voted That Samuel Cutts Esq^r^ be first Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham, and that John Dudley Esq^r^ David Gilman Esq^r^ & Josiah Moulton Esq^r^ be Justices of said Court.

Voted, That Joseph Peirce Esq^r^ be the recorder of Deeds

& Conveyances for the County of Rockingham, and that the Office be kept at Exeter.

Voted That Deacon Samuel Brooks be County Treasurer for the County of Rockingham.

Voted That the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Rockingham be Justices of the Peace for said County.

Voted That Hunking Wentworth, Jonathan Warner, Samuel Penhallow, William Weeks, Walter Bryant, Benjamin Rowe & Phillips White Esq^r be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham.

Voted That Henry Prescott, Richard Downing, Noah Emery, William Parker Jun^r, Samuel Dudley, Richard Bartlett, Samuel Emerson, Nathan Batchelder, Nathaniel Batchelder, Josiah Gage, Timothy Walker, Jun^r, D^r Samuel Moore, Robert Wilson, Ebenezer Stevens, Samuel Little, John M^cClary, Nicholas White, Joseph Welch, Timothy Ladd, James Belton, Benjamin Butler, Edward Russell, David Lawrence, Josiah Moulton, & William Moore Esq^rs be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Voted, That George Gains & Samuel Folsom Esq^rs—Amos Coffin, Huburtus Neal, Jonathan Swain, Nehemiah Wheeler, Jonathan Eastman, Jeremiah Eastman, Jonathan Eaton, Benjamin Little, & Simmonds Secomb, be Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

Adjourned to half past 2 O'clock afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

The Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the Parish of Brintwood being read, Voted that the Petitions be heard thereon Tomorrow if they See Cause.

☞ Upon reading an Ignominious Scurrilous & Scandalous Piece Printed in the New Hampshire Gazette & Historical Chronicle N^o 1001, of Tuesday Jany 9^th 1776—Directed or Addressed to the Congress at Exeter:

Voted That Daniel Fowle Esq^r the Supposed Printer of said Paper be forthwith Sent for and ordered to Appear before this house and give an account of the Author of said Piece, and further to answer for his Printing said piece, So much Derogatory to the Honour of this Assembly, as well as of the Hon^ble Continental Congress and Injurious to the cause of Liberty Now Contending for. Sent up by Capt Waite.

From the N. H. Gazette, Jany 9, 1776. No. 1001.

TO THE CONGRESS AT EXETER.

Gentlemen—In quarrels between countries as between individuals, when they have arisen to a certain height, they no longer regard their interest or advantage, but the gratification of their wrath; when *anger* has arrived to this Pitch, the most inflammatory measures are esteemed the wisest; and *moderation*, *prudence* and *virtue* are degraded to the place of baseness and cowardice. Is not this the case now? We began the controversy on this principle, to seek *Redress of Grievances:* since, we have lost sight of the object, and are in quest of what will terminate most certainly in our ruin and destruction; I mean, INDEPENDENCY upon Great Britain; a step that the public are exceedingly averse to; but the public in general are ignorant of the design and tendency of the conduct of their Representatives; I hope I am mistaken myself, but from circumstances, I cannot help drawing conclusions: However, if I am so, I have erred on the safe side; and at most it is but a fault that may be remedied: If I am right, it may serve to open people's eyes, and put the unwary on their guard. The grounds for my conclusions, are the following: The grand CONGRESS have declared they will give no Proportion towards the National expence, without the application of it. Now, by the Constitution, we acknowledge the application of all monies lays in the Crown. 2dly. They say, that they will regulate the internal practice of the Colonies; now in their last Session they never asked this, but consistently with the Constitution gave it up desiring only one condition as at the close of the last war, when the Crown had a negation upon all our acts. 3dly. They, on an application from this Province recommended to them to assume a new *Form of Government.* Many other circumstances might be mentioned, but they are artfully blended with the necessity of the times, that I fear to offend the *public ear* in mentioning them.

If these are not the homely ugly features of that horrid Monster Independency,—marks and signs never refer to originals;—some people may think otherwise, so apt are mankind to reject every thing that does not coincide with their prevailing passions; soon will they see it arise in order before their eyes, attended with all its hellish pageantry, so closely connected with other seeming necessitous measures; that to oppose the one, you must a multitude of others; so that no prudent man can withstand it; it will appear dressed with every ornament to hide its ugly form.

> "It is monster of so horrid mien
> As to be hated, needs but to be seen."

Oppose it, Gentlemen, in the beginning; a little delay may be fatal; and like a neglected wound, it may mortify, and corrupt the whole body.

Every step towards INDEPENDENCY, I said would be ruinous and destructive in its consequences: now I will prove it. The question turns on these two points: 1st. Can we gain INDEPENDENCY? 2d. If we gain can we support ourselves in it?

1st. We have for six or eight months past opposed but a part of Great Britain; 6000 land Forces is not an exertion of British power,—they have been divided; and consequently irresolute and inconsistent in their plans: every man who knows history must acknowledge that the ill success of the British arms at the opening of last war was in consequence of popular clamor against the Ministry; and their success afterward to their union; and as long as we feed this party, shall we be successful. It is a party that acts from the noble principle of INTEREST, they esteem us part of the same body, and what affects one part will extend itself thro' the whole. Every tyrannical arbitrary measure exercised over us, may in their turn be exercised over them; they oppose it, not for our interest, but for their own. But a disjunction disunites our *Interest* likewise, and they will not assist us to their own loss: say they, the Americans are making us an instrument to ruin ourselves; we heard they had been misrepresented, as captious and impatient of government; and now it is true, they under a specious pretence of Liberty, are *shaking off* that government they in Congress solemnly swore to support. They are deceitful men; they told us, they would pay their Quota toward the national Expence, & now will not give a penny, & we must pay their taxes, and protect their trade in War and Peace, and they only rail and revile us afterward. We have in their infancy nourished and brought them up, and now they have lost their natural affection. Then let us one and all unite against these Rebels and subdue them; else we shall lose all our Debts and trade. The Ministry, continue they, are right to tax them, as they would not tax themselves, and pay any thing toward our defending them thro' this long Peace from any sudden Excursion of the enemy both savage & civilized; this will be the united language of all Great Britain & Ireland. Say France and Spain, if we join in this American quarrel Great Britain will offer any terms to the Colonies, let them alone, they will weaken themselves more by our Neutrality, than Interposition, and be no expence to us neither. That old British love & the affection for each other, will rouse itself if we intermeddle;—foreigners always disgust them; and our finances were so exhausted by the late war, that we are not able, (a very able reason) therefore France and Spain are not for us, consequently according to Squire * * * * they are against us. The case then stands thus: all Great Britain united to subdue us, France and Spain neuter tho' Esq. * * * * says God Almighty never made a neuter,—we depend wholly on ourselves—that is, a Continent of 1000 miles sea coast defending themselves without one ship of war against 500 Battle ships completely manned and fitted: A country that can pay but 30 thousand men, at war with a nation that has paid and can pay 150 thousand; A country of three millions of Inhabitants, fighting with a Nation of 15 millions;—a country that can raise but 1 million of money at war with a nation who can raise 20 Mils. in specie,—a country without arms, without ammunition, without trade, contending with a Nation that enjoys the whole in the fullest latitude. They have conquered France, can't they conquer America? I said without ammunition; but the making of Salt Petre has made such rapid progress, especially at Portsmouth, where both clergy and Laity are employed six days in the week & the Seventh is seasoned with it, that I beg leave to subtract that: Now cast the balance which side is heaviest,—"we are gone in a minute"—then we cannot gain Independency.

If we gain Independency, can we support it? Will any nation protect us for our trade? No nations manufacture such articles as we consume but Great Britain, & these manufactures except a few articles are very dear and coarse: therefore we cannot trade with any foreign power sufficiently to reimburse them for their protection. Can we manufacture for ourselves? We cannot make sufficient of Paper for ready consumption; and we have learnt the art long ago, and we must buy English paper, except we would choose to write on Bark or wax. The reason is plain, we consist in this country of Farmers, Planters and Fishermen: we have not men sufficient for manufacturing; and Great Britain has made their emigrations a capital offence. This is the first objection to a state of INDEPENDENCY.

A second is, that no nation would take a great part of our Produce, because they come so much dearer from us, than other nations; and to encourage us Great Britain has given bounties upon sundry articles to the amount of £200,000 sterl. that we might be able to export them to their merchants. A 3^d^ objection is, That was the Continent a foreign state we should be obliged to pay what taxes they please on their Manufactures toward raising a Revenue. 4th objection, we must be obliged to garrison the Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia in war and peace, which will cost us 500,000 sterling, which we never did, nor never can raise. A 5th objection is, We must maintain a Fleet equal to that of Great Britain, to defend our sea-coast, and our Trade, which will cost us 2 or 3 Millions; if we cannot raise one now, can we raise these five years hence? On a moderate computation, our Taxes would be tenfold: Now which is most eligible, to be independent, and pay 15 Dollars tax, or to be in the condition we were in 1762 and pay one? Who will it please but ambitious men? The only way to make men do right is to put it out of their power to do wrong. The gentlemen of Pennsylvania have given instruction to their Representatives, that no congressman should be a Place-man, it is a tempting bait, the offices of Treasurer, Recorder. and other lucrative posts to do wrong. I speak this, because I hear there is a debate whether the officers of government shall be chosen from and by the Provincial Congress: they all go by Scripture maxims; they condemned a number of people on this text: "*They who are not for us are against us*," on a learned explanation of it in this wise, that a man must approve or disapprove any measure that is taken altogether, say they; if he uses one exertion he must another.

Now the rule fixed for the choice of Officers is this: "Choose your governors and Nobles out of yourselves: the Laws of God are the only rule since the dissolution of the Laws of the land, and they will abide by them till they can make them better." However I have degressed too far; it is as certain if you establish a new FORM of GOVERNMENT, as that you will have all the posts of profit, that we should have all the force of Great Britain, and every Ally, that interests or gratitude can gain, on our backs; and picture to yourselves the consequences. I know of no more direct step you could take to answer the Designs of the Ministry; and every advocate for it is worthy a pension: I forgot to draw my consequences from the things I proposed; but any man who can distinguish right from wrong may see any step toward Independency is ruinous and destructive in its consequences.

Was any man to see his neighbor's house in flames, would he fold his arms and silently sit at home:—it would be madness!—such is my case; and tho' I burn my fingers in the attempt I will try to extinguish it, lest the whole city be in flames. JUNIUS.

[P. 19.] Voted, That the Hon^ble^ John Wentworth Esq^r^ of Summersworth be one of the Councellors for the County of Strafford, in the room of Thomas Westbrook Waldron, Esq^r^, who was chosen but did not accept. Sent up—

Letter from Thomas W^k^ Waldron, Esq.

[MS. State Papers, Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 39.]

To the Honorable Congress or General Assembly of New Hampshire:

GENTLEMEN:

While my Heart gratefully glows with Thankfulness on the distinguished mark of respect shewn me by your vote of the 6th Instant handed hither by Ichabod Rollins Esq^r^ the evening of the same day I beg leave to acquaint you that I have been little able to leave home for three Winters successively, that accepting the Honorable arduous & Intense Duty proposed without a prospect of attending thereto *(which I have not)* would be but to prevent the appointment of a suitable Person to assist in the Now critical Councils of the Colony, and that an Address giving Notice of my Inability & Imploring your Excuse would have been forwarded last week had not one of your Honorable body consented to convey this.

Please to forgive my saying that to prevent the effects of late unconstitutional measures many Colonies appointed Congresses as their General Assemblys were subject to the adjournments Prorogations & Dissolutions of Governors &c. & that while Congresses as such managed the momeutous affair the Friends of America in England & elsewhere approved the Exertion, and we may reasonably hope will continue still so to do as it seems to me.

But as the fertile field before me begins to rise ideas too important for my steril Pen to marshal I take leave with only adding that I wish you Divine Direction & am with great truth & sincerity

Honourable Sirs,
your respectful & most
obliged humble servant
THO^s^ W^k^ WALDRON.

Dover, Jan^y^
16th 1776.

Voted, That Ichabod Rollins Esq^r^ be Judge of the Probate of Wills & for Granting Administration of the Estates of Persons Deceased, in the County of Strafford.

Voted that John Wentworth of Dover be register of the Probate for said County.

Voted That George Frost Esq^r^ be first Justice of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Strafford, and That Otis Baker Esq^r^ John Plummer and Moses Carr Esq^r^ be Justices of Said Court.

Voted That Col^l^ Stephen Evans be Sheriff of the County of Strafford.

Voted That Thomas Westbrook Waldron Esq^r^ be County Teasurer for said County.

Voted That Thomas Westbrook Waldron Esq^r^ be recorder of Deeds and Conveyances in and for the County of Strafford.

Voted That John Gage Esq^r^ of Dover, Ebenezer Tibbetts Esq^r^ of Rochester, John Horn of Wakefield, John Cate of Barrington and Jacob Brown of Moultonborough be Coroners for the County of Strafford.

Voted, That Ichabod Rollins Esq^r^ & John Wentworth Esq^r^ be Justices of the Peace.

Voted That Joseph Badger Esq^r^ be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Strafford.

Voted That Ebenezer Smith, Daniel Beede, Joseph Senter, Thomas Parsons, Simeon Dearborn, Miles Rendall, and Paul Hayes Esq^rs^ be Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Voted, That John Hogg of Dunbarton, be a coroner for the County of Hillsborough. Sent up by

Voted that the Billeting Roll of Cap^t^ Moses Leavitt, amounting to Eighty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings & nine pence, be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer or paymaster for the payment thereof. Sent up by D^r^ Dearborn.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday January 18, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted That Co^l^ Baker, Col^l^ Walker & Col^l^ Morey be a Committee of this house to Join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Council to wait on John Langdon Esq^r^ at Hamptonfalls, or wherever they may meet him, and Desire him to repair to this House as Soon as he Conveniently can. Sent up by

[P.20.] A Letter prepared by the Committee of Both Houses in answer to one rec^d^ from General Washington respecting Fire arms &c. being read, Voted that the same be Transcribed and Sent to his Excellency Gen^l^ Washington as Soon as may be—Sent up by M^r^ Clough.

Letter to General Washington.

[Amer. Ar. 4 Ser. Vol. IV. p. 709.]

Colony of New Hampshire, Exeter, January 17, 1776.

SIR—

Your Excellency's letter of the 13th instant, setting forth the difficulty of providing fire-arms for the army, came to hand yesterday. The General Court, now sitting, immediately took the contents under consideration, and find that all the publick arms of the Colony have been delivered out to the soldiers in the Continental Army, and at our Garrison in Portsmouth.

Upon a return lately made from the several towns in the Colony, we find that not more than two-thirds of the inhabitants capable of using arms are furnished therewith, and many of them such as would not be thought fit to be trusted to in the Continental Army.

The scarcity of workmen, as well as steel, has hitherto prevented our having any considerable number made in the Colony; for which reasons, together with the apparent need of our keeping a considerable body of troops to defend our sea-coasts, brings us to the disagreeable necessity of informing your Excellency it is not in our power, at present, to supply any arms for the purpose you mention. We are fearful that the detention of the arms of the Militia, (now at the Camp) against their consent, will create such an uneasiness in their minds, that it would hinder their exerting themselves if called upon hereafter.

In consequence of a former request from your Excellency, we have procured one hundred and forty blankets, which we shall forward to the camp immediately; and if any more can be obtained, they shall be sent along without delay.

In behalf of the Council and Assembly, I am, with great esteem and respect, your Excellency's most humble servant,

MESHECH WEARE, President.

To his Excellency General WASHINGTON.

Letter from Gen. John Sullivan.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 63.]

Winter Hill, Jan^{y} 17th 1776.

MUCH RESPECTED GENTLEMEN—

I inclose to you a letter from General Washington requesting Two Regiments of men from New Hampshire to keep on the Lines till the first of April next, Each Regim^{t} to consist of Eight Companies. Those Companies to consist of one Captain, Two Lieut^{s}, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four corporals, one Drummer one Fifer and seventy six privates, all to be on the Lines by the first of February next. I need not inform you of the necessity we are under as our making the Requisition is sufficient evidence of that. I can venture to assure you that our force now on the Lines including the Militia does not amount to 12,000 although the Continental Congress ordered 22,000. The people in general seem to have an aversion to a campaign of 12 months. Though I presume they will be forward enough to enlist for two months, Especially as the time will expire sufficiently early for them to look after their springs work; the encouragement is to be a penny for mile travel in & out and the same wages as the Rest of the army. I have had much trouble to keep fair weather with your militia lately sent. I had to supply many with arms & to give my obligations for ammunition which I dealt out to them Individually, took Receipts & must receive it in from them & Return it into the Store to redeem my obligations; but this was not all. The Congress had neglected to send along money, the military chest was empty and the soldiers complaining aloud for want of Cash, as well those who were about to leave us as those who agreed to tarry on the Lines one Fortnight longer. I at the General's request drew up Enlistments & gave to the Captains to try their men & after tryal they Returned 75 men only. This alarmed me much for I feared that our Province would loose that credit which they by their conduct have so justly deserved; to save which and to prevent the Lines from being deserted I procured money sufficient to pay 3 Dollars pr man to those who would Tarry the 15 Days Required. I then had them Drawn up & endeavoured every way to Induce them to tarry and finally prevailed on all but about 350 who were determined to quit us at all Events. These worthless scoundrells though willing to sacrifice their Liberties could not suffer the least delay of payment for their service, they had heard the Continental Chest was empty and could by no means be brought to believe there was any thing Less than a contrivance to cheat them of their wages. I well knew that General Washington had promised me they should be paid off when the time was expired. I promised the same to the Committee of Safety & they to the men, by which means I well knew the Committee who had done every thing that men could do towards sending them would be censured & condemned; to prevent which and to do all in my power for the honour of the Government I Borrowed the money from more than 20 persons & paid off all those who were going home & shall do the same to the others when their time is out. Though it pleases me to find our men tarry all to 350 & so far exceed the inhabitants of other Colonies in their zeal & spirit, yet it gives me pain to inform you that not near half the Mass^a militia could be prevailed upon to tarry & many of them went off one Day before their time was out. To prevent Delay with our men I made up most of the 31 pay Rolls with my own hands as some were from each company and with the assistance of Maj^r Scammel & Mr. Sherburne paid them all off between Day-break and 12 o'clock and hope they have Returned contented.

I must now Entreat you gentlemen to exert yourselves in forwarding the forces wrote for by the General. Mass^a has agreed to furnish seven Regiments, Connecticut four & hope our two will be on the spot as soon as theirs. Rhode Island being continually surrounded by ships of war can furnish none. Connecticut over and above the four Regiments has sent 1500 men to guard New York, so that our proportion is by no means extravagant. I have hit upon an expedient of Raising one of the Regiments here which I hope will prove agreeable, viz. as there are now 31 companies here already officered by you I am about to select 11 officers, three of which to be field officers & eight to be Captains of Companies. Those Captains to choose subalters from different companies & in that way I hope to compleat one of the Regiments proposed. This will in great measure Facilitate the Raising the other Reg^{ts} & secure men upon the lines though yours should not arrive in season. I cannot but promise myself your approbation of this measure; if I should find a probability of being disappointed in this attempt shall send an Express to you immediately, but am well convinced it will succeed.

I would in the appointment of officers beg leave to recommend men who will do credit to the government: I have a very high opinion of the field officers you appointed to Guard the Harbour of Piscataway, if they are not needed there I should be fond of them here; but this I leave to your wisdom & discretion.

I was favored with your Letter respecting the affair of Col^{o} Stark & Col^{o} Hubbard (1) which I immediately laid before the General. He shew me your letter to him with a copy of Col^{o} Hubbard's to you & a tryal would immediately have taken place but Col^{o} Stark had gone into the country recruiting, he is now returned & a Court of Enquiry will sit upon him to-morrow or next day. You may depend that notwithstanding I esteem Stark as a worthy good officer I will do every thing in my power to punish any Insult he may have been guilty of offering to the Colony. I repeatedly told Col^{o} Hubbard the Ev^{g} after the affair happened when I found him and Stark together at my house on my return from Head Quarters that I would confine Stark Immediately if he desired it and even his whole Regiment if necessary but he chose to omit it.

I have thought of an expedient to save the money to the Colony at all events; which is this, viz. for the General Court to give notice in all the news-papers that a number of Bills of such a Date, namely Nov. 3^{d}, numbered from 2771 to 2825 were stolen & that any persons possessed of those numbers should forward them to the Receiver General within one month to be Exchanged fro Silver, with a proper account how he came by the Bill or Bills & if not sent up by that time never to be redeemed in future, for which purpose an act should be passed & if the thief should have parted with any of this money (which by the way is not probable) the matter being fresh you may trace it up to his door. But if (as is by far the most probable) he should have delayed to pass it for fear of Discovery it must die in his hands & the Province not loose a farthing. This method, Gentlemen, I beg leave to Recommend for the Interest of the Colony;—let the Tryal here turn out as it may. I beg you to excuse my freedom & believe me to be with gratitude and Esteem, Gentlemen,

your much oblidged Humble
Sev^{t}
JN^{o} SULLIVAN.

To the Honorable the General Court of New Hampshire.

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(1) It appears that the mode of spelling the name *Hobart* was not settled. The gentleman here referred to was Samuel Hobart, Esq., pay master of the troops, who also bore the title of Colonel. Not only did General Sullivan mis-spell the name, but in the report of the battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777, General Stark speaks of a "Col. Hubbard," and the same spelling is found in Belknap's history of that battle. Hence has arisen a confusion; and the inquiry been raised "Who was Colonel Hubbard that Genl Stark commends?" The proper answer is, Col. DAVID HOBART, who was of Plymouth, N. H. though a native of Hollis, and probably a relative of Samuel Hobart, Esq. whom Stark offended. See Potter's Mil. Hist. in Adj. Gen. Rep. Vol. II. 1866, p. 820. ED.

Voted that Maj^r Barker, M^r Gibson & Cap^t Wait be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to take into Consideration what method is best to be Taken to Obtain Security for Debts in Civil Cases, and how far the Same shall be prosecuted, & Carried into Execution as to the recovery of such Debts. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin.

Upon reading the Petitions of the Committee from Newton in behalf of s^d Parish, Voted that John Dudley Esq^r, Cap^t Prentice, Mr. Balsh, Mr. Gibson, Capt Wait, James Betton Esq^r & Major Bellows be a Committee to Examine into the matters of the Complaint, and make report thereon as Soon as may be.

The said Committee made the following report thereon viz^t upon "Considering the prayer of the within Petition, & "hearing the Evidences on both sides find that the within "named Joseph Bartlett Esq^r was not Legally chose by the "Town of New Town to represent them in Congress on May "17th 1775."

Per order Nath^{ll} Balch, Chairman.

The Petition from the Towns of Portsmouth, Dover, Newington, Rochester, Stratham, North Hampton, Rye, New Market, Kensington, Greenland, and a part of Brintwood, against Taking up Government in the New Form Established by this House, being read & Considered (by both houses, being come together in the Town house) and fully argued by Mr John Pickering, Counsel for the Petitioners (1). The house adjourned till tomorrow 9 O'clk A M.

Friday January 19th 1776.

The house met according to adjournment.

Voted, to Choose a Committee of Five Persons, to consult with Some of the Members of the Committee of Safety of Portsmouth and report to this house what they think best to be done respecting removing the People from Gosport and that D^r Levi Dearborn Capt Wait, Col^l Evens, John M^{c}Clary Esq^r and Capt Moulton be the said Committee.

Voted, That Col^l Morey, Col^l David Gilman & Col^l Evans be a Committee of this house to Confer with a Committee of the hon^{ble} Council, about Laying our Plan of Government before the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress and Taking their Advice thereon and to make report to this house as soon as May be.

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(1) With the exception of the Petition from Portsmouth, the petitions here referred to have not been found. ED.

[P. 21.] Voted, That the account of Deacon Samuel Brooks, amounting to £14 : 14 : 8½ be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Col. Walker.

The Committee appointed to consult about removing the People from Gosport made report to the house as Follows viz.

The Committee appointed for the above s^{d} Business beg leave to report That it is our Opinion That the Inhabit^{ts} of Gosport on the Isle of Shoals remain there untill further orders from this House, and that they be allowed to Purchase any Necessaries of Life Sufficient for their own Families at Rye harbour or Little Boars head in North Hampton on making pay for the same in Cash or good Fish, Provision to be made by Some Two persons near said Harbours for the above purpose, or by a Committee for that Purpose, in behalf of the Colony, And that the said Inhabitants be forbid going to or trading in any Other Harbour or Harbours—which report being read & Considered,

Voted, That the Inhabitants of Gosport remain on that Island till further orders of this house.

Voted, That Cap^{t} Moses Barnett of Londonderry be & hereby is Impowered to take and Certify Depositions for Adam Stuart & against him, concerning the complaint and Information of the Committee of Safety of Londonderry.

The Hon^{ble} Board sent down the Following Vote of Council viz^{t}—

Colony of New Hampshire, In Council Jan^{ry} 19th 1776—Upon reading the Letter from his Excellency General Washington, & General Sullivan requesting recruits for the Continental Army, The Board are of Opinion that the requisition ought Speedily to be attended to, and would Therefore recommend a Vote to be passed for the raising one regiment, and more if General Sullivan Should fail in raising a Regiment out of our Militia now in the Service, and that a Committee of the Hon^{ble} House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Board and fully authorized to carry the same into execution. Voted that the foregoing be Sent to the Hon^{ble} House. Albert E. Thompson, Secr^{y}

Copy of the Original Attest N Emery C^{l} D Rep^{s}

General Washington's Letter is as follows viz—

Cambridge Jan^{y} 16th 1776.

Sir—the alarming and almost Defenceless State of our Lines occasioned by the Slow Progress in raising recruits for the New army, and the Departure of a great Number of the Militia, which had been called in for their Support till the 15th Instant, rendered it Necessary for me to Summon the General Officers in Council, to Determine on proper means to be adopted for their Preservation: For this purpose they met at Head quarters yesterday and to-day & finding that it was with the [P. 22.] utmost difficulty & Persuasion, that Such of the latter, as are now here, have been prevailed on to continue till the Last of the month, after which there is not the remotest probability of their Staying a moment, they have Judged it expedient and absolutely necessary that thirteen Regiments should be forthwith raised equal to those of the New Establishment to be officered according to the usual mode of their respective Governments; which are to repair to this Camp by the last Instant if Possible, to be in readiness to act in such manner till the first of April, as Circumstances may require,—of this number they apprehend, the Massachusetts Should Furnish seven, Connecticut Four & your Government Two, being agreeable to the Proportion Settled by Congress In order that each Regiment may consist of a proper Number of officers & men, I have Enclos'd you a List for their regulation, and of the Continental Pay. I must earnestly Sollicit your attention & regard, to arms, ammunition, Blankets, Kettles, & Clothing, that they may come as well Provided with these Necessaries as Possible, Particularly the first, as from the amasing Deficiency here, I shall not have it in my Power to supply them. The situation and Exigency of our affairs Calling for this assistance, I have the most pleasing assurrance that your Honorable body, will Exert themselves for complying with this requisition with all Possible Dispatch.—I am Sir, with much Esteem & regard your most obed Servt.

Honble Matthew Thornton Esq. G. Washington.

Another letter from his Excelly General Washington.

Cambridge Jany 21st 1776

Sir—In the Hurry of my last Dispatches to you of the 19th inst. I forgot to Intimate that for the Encouragement of the Regiment Destined for Canada, a months advance pay will be allowed officers & soldiers by me, in behalf of the Congress. At the same time I think it but right, that you Should be apprised of the Intention of this Government to advance their Regimts another months Pay to Enable the men to provide for So long and Fatigueing a march, and in the meantime leave something for their Familys to subsist upon During their Absence.—I have no doubt but that this Last advance will be pleasing enough to Congress, and that the money will be Speedily refunded, but as I have no authority to Direct it, and would not appear by any act of mine to put the Three regiments of Canada upon a Different Footing than those who have been raising for the army, I only give you a hint of the Intention of this Government, That if you think proper, the Regiments from your Colony may be placed upon the same footing, as I know all kind of Distinctions are considered by Troops with an evil & [P. 23.] jealous Eye. Such Necessaries as are absolutely requisite for the march of this Regiment, you will please have provided, upon the best Terms you can, & regular accounts with Vouchers thereof kept, that payment may be made.—The Importance of Dispatch will I am persuaded, appear in so urgent & pressing a Light to you, that I need add Nothing on this Head; but shall be glad to hear what Progress you make in the business, being with the Sincerest regard & Esteem—Sir, your most obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^t—

G. WASHINGTON.

Entered according to the original per N. Emery C^l D Rep^s

The House adjourned to 2 o'clock afternoon.

Letter from General Sullivan—relating to the defeat at Quebec, &c.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. III. p. 70.]

Winter Hill, Jan^y 18th 1776.

MUCH ESTEEMED GENTLEMEN—

It is with the most sensible pain I sit down to write you the melancholy tidings of our army's being defeated at Quebec. on the 31st of Decem^r with the Loss of 150 killed and wounded (according to the best accounts we can collect) & between three & four hundred taken prisoners; among the Latter are a number of our intrepid New Hampshire Friends who marched from hence with Col^o Arnold. The whole of his party Except himself and some few that retired with him when he was wounded are either killed or taken prisoners. The Brave the Intrepid, but alas Too unfortunate General Montgomery Fell and with his departing spirit courage and Resolution forsook the Troops he commanded. He attacked the Lower Town of Quebec at the Point Diamond on the opposite side Col^o Arnold with his party attacked a place called *La Roche*, & after an hours Engagement carried a Two gun Battery with the Loss of about 20 killed and wounded. They then attacked a Second Battery & carried it sword in hand but gaining the Second Battery proved their defeat for by possessing themselves of that they advanced beyond Palace Gate that leads from the upper Town to the Lower, from which the enemy Immediately Issued and falling on their rear drove them into the Lower Town from whence they could not Escape as the Enemy were possessed of the passage through which they Entered, and on the opposite side the unfortunate Montgomery's party were defeated & had Retired so that the victors turning round to oppose brought the small but brave and Resolute party between two Fires. They took possession of the Lower Town about 7 in the morning and though exposed to a fire in front & rear as I mentioned as also to a fire in flank from the upper Town, they bravely maintained their ground till night when despairing of succour & growing weary of slaughter they surrendered themselves prisoners of war. The Brave Montgomery with his aid-de-camp were killed the first fire, and I believe that struck such a damp on his party that little more was done by them. Col^o Livingston with his party of Canadians made a feigned attack on the Upper Town to favour the Real attack on the Lower, but this was extremely ill executed. You will soon Learn more particularly about the matter and how the whole country is in motion to assist our friends there; all the people west of Springfield are gone. Col^o Warner with his Green Mountain Boys marched Immediately to join the party which they had left, by being (as they thought) ill used by General Montgomery. You will find by the Enclosed Letter that the General Council have determined that a Regiment from each of the Frontiers of New Hamp^r Mass^a and Connecticut are to march with all possible expedition to secure our Conquests & if possible retrieve the honor of the American arms. This Resolution induced us to Release one of the Regiments wrote for in my last to serve here two months, and Instead thereof for New Hampshire to furnish one here, and one for Canada enlisted for twelve months. I have a prospect of raising one for this place from among the Recruits here in the manner I formerly mentioned. So you need give yourselves no other Trouble about that, but advancing upon the Credit of the Continent a months pay advance which beg you to do. The party going for Canada I suppose General Washington has called upon you to furnish them with money &c. Upon my soul it gives me pain to find that our Continental chest is so often empty & that parsimony and Indolence which has destroyed so many powerful States is but too likely to destroy ours. To this alone was owing that total Defeat at Quebec as the deceased Montgomery Letters will fully show, for he seemed to prophesy his defeat from the want of money to pay off the Troops.

I have selected officers for the Regiment to be stationed here as I mentioned, Cap^t Waldron, Chesley & Place to take the command as field officers, and have taken some of the best Captains and subalterns. I should rejoice if Cap^t Mooney would in conjunction with the Bearer Lieut. Clough & two subalterns appointed by you or them undertake to bring in a Company. The Residue I can furnish myself without giving you any trouble except what I mention. With respect to the Reg^t bound to Canada you will excuse my suggesting the necessity of Raising that in the western parts of the Colony. Col^o Wm. Stark now happens to be in Camp & says he can undoubtedly Raise the men; he is well acquainted with the country and with the nature of such a march, I would therefore for the good of the service beg leave to recommend him unless you have some other person more suitable in view. I have directed him to wait on your Honours & receive your Commands. Captain John Parker who was here some days since was soliciting license from General Washington & myself to raise four or five Companies & march to Canada. We knowing of no necessity therefor refused him; perhaps he may now be of some advantage in Raising men, but many among you *know the man & his communications*; all these hints I throw out for the good of the service. I have no particular person in view barely for his own sake. The good of my country is what I mean to promote; where I mistake the proper means to attain that Desirable End you will please to correct me as an ignorant offender, and believe me to be (as I really am) a true friend to my country, & your much oblidged

Humble Servant

JN^o SULLIVAN.

Hon. Gen^l Assembly of New Hampshire.

The General has inclosed you copies of most of the Important Letters from Canada. Yr^s J. S.

P. S. My extreme hurry will, I hope, apologize for incorrectness.
J. S.

Order from Gen. John Sullivan.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 61.]

To John Waldron & Alpheus Chesley, Esq^{rs}.

A requisition being made upon the Colony of New Hampshire for a regiment of men consisting of seven hundred & Twenty Eight Including all the officers, I have after consulting his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington thought proper to raise and officer a Regiment out of the officers & soldiers lately come in from that Colony to remain in the Continental service until the first day of April next. I have named Eight Captains & have nominated you the said John Waldron as Chief Co^{l} of said Regiment & you the said Alpheus Chesley as Lieut. Col^{o} thereof & have wrote to the Gen^{l} Assembly upon the measure I have adopted & requested them to furnish one months pay advance for said regiment upon the credit of the Continent. You are therefore requested Immediately to repair to the Gen^{l} Assembly, wait on them with my compliments & these orders, receive their commands & Immediately proceed to compleat the Regiment Proposed, & Return to head Quarters by the first day of February next. You will please to pay strict obedience to the commands of that Assembly & on all occations give notice of your proceedings to your

Hum^{l} serv^{t}

JN^{O} SULLIVAN,
B. Gen^{l} of the Continental Congress.

Winter Hill, Jan^{y} 19th 1776.

Letter from General Washington.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 76.]

Cambridge, 19 Jan^{y}, 1776.

SIR—

The Inclosed herewith sent convey such full accounts of the sad reverse of our affairs in Canada as to render it unnecessary for me in my present hurry to add aught to the tale.

Your spirited Colony will, I have no doubt be sufficiently impressed with the expediency of a vigorous exertion to prevent the evils which must follow the repulse of our Troops. It does not admit of a doubt, but that General Carlton will improve this advantage to the utmost; and if he should be able to give another current of sentiments to the Canadians and Indians, than those they seemed inclined to adopt, words are unnecessary to describe the melancholy effect that must inevitably follow.

I am persuaded therefore, that you will exert yourselves to the utmost to throw in the reinforcements (by the rout mentioned in General Schuyler's letter) that is now required of your Colony, as the doing of it expeditiously may prove a matter of the utmost importance.

You will perceive by the minutes of the Council of War (Inclosed) that the Regiment asked of you for Canada is one of the Two applied for in my letter of the 16 Inst. and that the only difference with respect to the requisition is the length of time and place of service; as no good would result from sending Troops to Canada for a shorter period than the Continental army is raised for,—to wit, till the first of Jan^{ry} 1777.

I am with very great esteem,
Sir, your most obed^{t} H. serv^{t}.

(copy) ——— ——— ———
Hon. Matthew Thornton.
Indorsed, "General Washington.
Regiment for Canada."

NOTE. On the 19th January, 1776, the Continental Congress issued General Orders or rather Resolutions to expedite the raising of forces for Canada,—advancing 12,500 dollars to each of the General Assemblies or Committees of Safety of the Colonies in which troops were raised, for the purpose of recruiting their respective regiments. These Resolutions were forwarded to the General Assembly of New Hampshire, followed by a letter from Hon. JOHN HANCOCK, as follows. ED.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock relative to Troops to be raised for Canada.

[State Pap. Vol. III, p. 31.]

Philad^{a} Jan^{y} 12, 1776.

GENTLEMEN,

The repeated proofs which our enemies have given of their rage and malice, leave no room to doubt that they will exert their utmost endeavours to effect our destruction. Through the favour of Providence our success in Canada has prevented them from employing the savages against our parties.

But as there is reason to apprehend they will attempt in the spring to recover the possession of that country, the Congress have resolved to support nine battalions for its defence, this year.

One, of Canadians under Colonel J. Livingston; two, to be employed of those brave Troops serving there,—an honour due to their bravery and merit, to have an opportunity of defending a Country, which their valour has rescued from Slavery; three, from Pennsylvania & New Jersey, of which two are under marching orders; and the remaining three to be raised to the eastward, viz. one in your Colony, one in Connecticut, and one in New York, as you see by the enclosed Resolve.

As the arrival of the troops in due time will greatly conduce to the preservation of that country and defeat the designs of our enemy, and as the month of February, which is fast approaching, is the best, indeed the only time before summer, of crossing the lakes, the Congress rely that you will, according to your usual zeal, exert your utmost endeavours, to have the battalion from your Colony raised and sent forward with all possible expedition.

I am, gentlemen,
your obed^{t} humble serv^{t}
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

A Battalion to consist of 8 companies, each Company of 1 Cap^{t}, 2 Lieut^{s}, 1 Ensign, 4 Sergeants, 4 corporals, a Drum & Fife, & 76 privates, Adjutant, Quarter master & Surgeon.

To the Committee of Safety &c.
New Hampshire.

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Resolves of American Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 23.]

In Congress, Jan^{y} 8th 1776.

Resolved, That to make up the Battalions voted for the defence of Canada, one battalion be immediately raised in New Hampshire, one in Connecticut and one in New York.

Extract from the Minutes

Cha^{s} Thomson, Sec'^{y}.

Order'd to be Transmitted to the Committee of New Hampshire.

John Hancock, Presd^{t}.

In Congress, Jan^{y} 8,,1776.

Resolved, That the governor of Connecticut, the General Assemblies of Massachusetts bay and New Hampshire & the Convention of New York, be wrote to forthwith by the delegates of said Colonies respectively to furnish General Schuyler with the account of the money paid to any persons in the army under his command, specifying the names of those to whom the money was paid by their order.

Extract from the minutes.

Cha^{s} Thomson, Sec^{y}.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 80.]

Philad^{a} January 20th 1776.

Gentlemen—

In addition to the resolutions of Congress passed the 8th Inst. for the defence of Canada, I have now to add sundry others which the advices lately received and the repulse our troops met with in their attempt on Quebec, render absolutely necessary to be carried into execution with all possible expedition.

There is every reason to hope that a timely reinforcement will not only secure our friends and retrieve our losses, but put us in possession of Quebec before success can reach our enemies.

I am therefore directed most earnestly to press you with all possible expedition to levy and forward the battalion ordered to be raised in your Colony, and as you lie the most contiguous I trust your wonted zeal will be the first to carry relief and succour.

You will easily conceive what life, spirit, and confidence the arrival of but one company will give our friends there, especially when they understand it is quickly to be followed by more forces: You will therefore with the utmost despatch forward the first that can be got ready.

To prevent any delay, I send inclosed by order of Congress blank Commissions for the field officers, Captains & subalterns, which you will please to fill up with such gentlemen as you shall judge best qualified & proper for the service.

The money for defraying the expence of the battalion will be forwarded by your delegate with all dispatch. The encouragement given to the men will, I hope, facilitate your business, and I trust your zeal will not be wanting in the defence of our common liberties.

Time will not permit me to enlarge, I must therefore beg leave for other matters to refer you to the enclosed extracts only reminding you that the battalion is to consist of eight companies, each company of a captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four sergeants, four corporals, a drum & fife & 76 privates. The staff officers, a surgeon, a quarter master, an adjutant & *a chaplain for every two battalions* with the pay of 33⅓ dollars.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedᵗ servᵗ
JOHN HANCOCK, Presidᵗ.

Resolves.

In Congress, January 17, 1776.

Resolved, That the Colonels of the several Battalions ordered to be raised, do immediately order their officers on recruiting service, to such parts where they are well known and have the greatest probability of success.

That the recruiting officers ought to be careful to enlist none but healthy, sound, and able bodied men, not under sixteen years of age.

That the Colonels of the several battalions aforesaid appoint some place or places of rendezvous to which the recruits may be sent, and where the battalions may be quartered.

That the greatest attention ought to be paid to the behavior of the troops in quarters, that they may give no reasonable cause of complaint.

That the quarters of the troops be duly discharged once a week.

That an allowance of ten shillings per man be made to the recruiting officers in lieu of their expenses in recruiting, exclusive of the subsistence money allowed them, and that in case any men be inlisted contrary to the foregoing regulations, the pay they may have received and the subsistence-money that may be paid for them shall be stopped from the pay of the recruiting officer.

That the Colonels of the several Pennsylvania Battalions be supplied with money for the recruiting service by the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, and disburse the same to the several recruiting officers, the Colonels and other officers to be accountable for what they shall receive, and all arrears they may fall into be stopped from their pay.

That no bought indented servants be employed on board the fleet or in the army of the United Colonies, without the consent of their masters.

(Extracts from the Minutes.)
Charles Thomson, Secʸ.

N. B. The Physicians appointed by the Committee of Safety to examine the young gentlemen who design to offer themselves as Surgeons in the New Battalions, have fixed Tuesday the 13ᵗʰ of February for that purpose.

Letter from General Sullivan.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 82.]

Winter Hill, Jany 20th 1776.

May it Please your Honours:

The bearer hereof Mr. Adjutant Peabody of Colo Reed's Regiment earnestly desiring to go to the relief of our Distressed Brethren in Canada, I beg leave to recommend him to the office of a second Lieutenant & adjutant in the Regt bound there which offices he has voluntarily resigned here & cheerfully undertakes the fatigues of a long march to Relieve our worthy friends at Quebeck. I can assure you that he has ever behaved well and been highly esteemed here as well for his conduct in the common Business of his office as for his courage & Intrepidity at Bunkers Hill. Any favour you will please to show him shall be gratefully acknowledged by your much oblidged Humble servt

Jno Sullivan.

To the Hon. General Assembly.

Letter from Meshech Weare to General Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 90.]

Colony of N. H. Exeter 21st Jany 1776.

Sir—

Your Excys favor of the 19th currt with the several Inclosures came to hand yesterday noon bringing us the melancholy advices of ye Defeat of our Army before Quebec & the Death of ye brave General Montgomery, with a number of our Friends & fellow-soldiers—a sad Reverse this indeed of our affairs in Canada, wch we are extremely sorry for and regret.

Our Council and Assembly were just upon the point of adjourning to Monday, when your Excellys pacquet was bro't us, wch determined us upon setting again in the afternoon: ye subject of ye Letters was immediately taken into consideration. The Assembly very readily & cheerfully agreed to & resolved upon raising a Regiment in the western Frontiers as therein recommended, to march directly into Canada, for the reinforcement of our Brethren there.

The Regiment to consist of ye number derected in the Continental Establishment. The Command is assigned to Colo Timo Bedel who having approved himself well at the siege of St. Johns is just returned from Canada, & we think will readily enter on ye Duty.

The other Field officers being residents near Connt River, well acquainted with the people and Country, we doubt not will be able soon to raise the whole No of men. The Lt. Colonel J. Waite, one of our Assembly is already set out & carrys with him enlisting orders & money for ye purpose, the Assembly having voted to pay each man two months wages adve for their encouragement.

Directions are also gone out for ye procuring provisions & other necessarys requisite for their march from Cont River over to Onion River. We trust yr Excelly will give Govr Schuyler timely advice that he may forward what provn may further be necessary to meet the Troops at Onion River. In our last to yr Excelly we mentioned our having in readiness 160 Blankets to forward to Head Quarters which were just going off, when upon receiving these last advices 'twas thou't absolutely necessary to stop them, that they might be sent westward for the use of this Regiment as 'tis impossible to provide any Q'ty of Blankets in that part of the Country.

We are truly sensible of the expediency of a vigorous Execution to prevent the Evils w^{ch} may follow y^{e} Repulse of our Troops in Canada, and you may depend, Sir, we shall not fail to do our utmost to forward this Re-inforcem^{t}.

In behalf of the Council & Assembly,
I am with great Esteem & respect
your Excellencys,
most obed^{t} humb^{l} serv^{t},
M. W. President.

To his Excellency
General Washington.

Letter to General Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 94.]

Exeter 22^{d} Jan^{y} 1776.

SIR—

We have just rec^{d} y^{r} Excellencys Favor of yesterday's Date, for answer to w^{ch} we beg leave to refer to our Letter forwarded herewth in w^{ch} it may be observed our Assembly had taken up the matter of advance wages to the soldiery destin'd for Canada in the same manner as intimated by the Mass^{a} Government.

We shall duly note y^{r} Excellency's kind intention of refunding to this Colony the money they advance as soon as the General Congress may remit you a sufficient supply, & we shall give the necessary Directions that all acc^{ts} respect^{g} these matters may be correctly kept, and proper vouchers produced for the same.

I am in behalf of
the Council and Assembly
y^{r} Excell^{ys}
most hum^{b} serv^{t}

(Copy.) ——— ———

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted That the account of the Committee of Safety of Exeter amounting to seventy nine pounds thirteen Shillings be allowed out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his order on the Treasurer for payment of the Same.—Sent up to the Board by Col^{l} Walker.

The Information & Complaint of the Committee of Safety of Londonderry against Adam Stuart, being read & Considered in the House, Voted that the Parties be heard thereon on Tuesday next afternoon.

Voted That there be an Assistant Clerk of this House, and that Noah Emery Esq^{r} the Present Clerk have liberty to Appoint Said Assistant.

Voted, That the Account of Samuel Connor, Amounting to six pounds one Shilling & one penny be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof.

Sent up by Col^l David Gilman.

Voted That the Committee for Examining Accounts be & hereby are Directed to Advertise all persons that have accounts open against this Colony, to bring them immediately to said Committee for Allowance.

Voted, That John Dudley Esq^r—Samuel Dudley Esq^r Cap^t Prentice, James Betton, Esq & Major Bellows be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble Council to Examine into & report what wages or Pay Each Committee man, that have been employed by the late Congress and by this house, ought to receive for their services, and to make report to this house thereof.

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 O'clock—

Saturday Jan^y 20^th 1776.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Voted, That Nicholas Gilman Esq. Treasurer of this Colony be Desired to Forward the Blanketts Collected for the Continental army, to Head Quarters as soon as may be, with an account thereof to the Generall, and to receive the money for them on a receit from the Commissary Generall.

Voted, That the Muster roll of Cap^t James Merrill, amounting to £4: 5: 3. be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President give his order on the Treasurer for payment thereof.

[P. 24.] Voted that Col^l Walker, John M^cClary Esq. & Samuel Sherburne Esq be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the hon^ble Board to make report to this house what pay D^r Hall Jackson ought to receive for his past services to this Colony and what Establishment he shall have in future.

Voted that Cap^t Moulton, Col^l Daniel Gilman and Major John Bellows be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble Board to consult about appointing the Field officers of the Regiment this day Voted to be raised for the Continental Army and for further Carrying the Said Vote into Execution, and make report to this house.

Voted to raise one Regiment of Soldiers Forthwith to Consist of Eight Companys, Each Company to Consist of one Captain, Two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sargeants, four Corporalls, one Drummer, one Fifer, and Seventy six privates, all to be on the Lines at the Continental army by the first day of February next, and to Continue in the Service untill the first day of April next, on the Establishment of the Continental Army: and also to raise more men So as to make up another regiment of the Same Number in Case General Sullivan Shall Fail of raising a full regiment out of our Militia now in the Service, and that a Committee of this house be appointed to join with a committee of the hon^{ble} board and be fully authorized to Carry this vote into Execution, Saving to the Council and Assembly the right of appointing the field officers.

Voted That Joseph Wait Esq be Colonel of the Regiment Voted to be raised in this Colony for the Continental army, and that Henry Gerrish Esq^{r}, be Lieutenant Colonel and Isaac Butterfield Esq be Major of Said Regiment.

Voted That the Regiment this day Voted to be raised in this Colony to Continue in the Service untill the first day of April next and to be on the Lines of the Continental Army by the first day of Feby next, on the Establishment of the Continental Army Shall be Instead of that Service Enlisted for the Service in the Northern Army, Commanded by Gen^{l} Schuyler, now at Canada, to continue in that Service Untill the first day of January next, unless Sooner Discharged, and to be on the Same Establishment with the Other Officers and Soldiers in the said Army, and that Col^{l} Timothy Beedle Command the said Regiment as Colonell, That Joseph Wait Esq be Lieutenant Colonel and Isaac Butterfield Esq be Major of Said regiment, and that Each officer and Soldier that Shall Enlist in said Service, shall receive Two months advance pay upon their being Mustered: and in Case the said [P. 25.] Major Butterfield shall be by any means rendered Incapable of Proceeding in said Service, that a Blank Commission be given to Col^{l} Beedle or Col^{l} Wait to appoint Some Other person to be major in his Stead this Vote notwithstanding.

Voted that the Muster-roll of Capt Elephalet Daniel amounting to £31: 14: 6. be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his order on the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Orders to Joseph Wait, Esq.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 86.]

In Committee of Safety, Jan^{y} 21st 1776.

To JOSEPH WAIT, Esq,

You being appointed Lieut. Colonel of a Regiment of Rangers to be commanded by Tim^{o} Beedle Esq. to serve in the Northern Continental Army; you are hereby authorized & desired Immediately to proceed on y^{e} Inlisting the said Regiment, the several companys to consist of 86 able bodied effective men including 4 serg^{ts}, 4 corporals, 1 Drummer & fifer well accoutred with arms & Blanketts, untill the first Day of Jan^{y} next unless sooner Dismissed; and you may assure them they shall have the same pay as the other continental Troops.

By order of the Committee. ——— ———

Orders to Israel Morey & John Bellows, Esqrs.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 88.]

In Committee of Safety, Jan^{y} 21st, 1776.

GENT^{n}

You are desired immediately to procure on the best terms, the following Articles for the use of the Regiment now raising on the Frontiers of this Colony to march into Canada under the command of Col. Tim^{y} Bedel, there to join the Northern Continental Army, and to deliver to each soldier his proportion of the same—of the Provisions at the rate of one pound of Pork one pound of bread & half a pint of pease each Day for their march from Connecticut River thro' the Woods to Onion River, which it is estimated will be fifteen days at least;—and you are to keep an exact account of the delivery of the whole.

12,000 llb salt Pork
400 bushels of wheat to be ground into flour
500 p^{r} of mens shoes
50 Moose skins for mogasons
720 p^{r} Rackets or snowshoes
688 hatchetts or tomahawks.
688 blanketts at 15/ to be allowed each soldier, if the blanket cost more the soldier to pay the overplus, if less to be made up to him.
120 Tin camp kittles
Gunpowder
Musket Balls
Flints
Ground Ginger
200 Gallons Rum
Yards Coarse cloth for Indian Leggings
Coarse cloth for shirting
Coarse cloth for mens Coats

By order of the committee

M. WEARE, Chairman.

Israel Morey
& John Bellows, } Esqrs.

(Copy.)

Met according to adjournment.

Voted that D^{r} Hall Jackson M^{r} Sherburne & Capt Long be a Committee to procure one hundred & fifty stand of arms, now in Portsmouth, belonging to the Massachusetts Colony, and all the Duffells for Blanketting that they can Procure at Portsmouth, and Transport them to Exeter as soon as may be. Sent up by Co^{l} Morey.

Voted that Co^{l} Morey be appointed to Procure four hundred Hatchetts, and also snowshoes for the use of the Regiment going to Canada, Sufficient for their Service.

Voted that M^{r} Richard Champney be Desired to Procure & Deliver to the Treasurer one hundred & Seventy good Tinn Kettles as soon as may be for the use of the Regiment going to Canada.

Voted That Co^{l} Morey & Major Bellows, be Mustermasters of the Regiment going to Canada and also paymasters of their advance Wages, when they are Mustered at Coos or Elsewhere.

Voted that the account of Ezekiel Worthen, Joseph Wait & John Bellows amounting to Fifty Eight Shillings and two pence be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give his order on the Treasurer for payment thereof.

Voted that Joseph Wait Esq^{r} receive out of the Treasury Seventy Pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give his Warrant on the Treasurer for the same. Adjourned to Monday next at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Monday Jany 22^{d}

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted, That whereas by a Vote of Saturday Last Col^{l} Morey & Maj^{r} Bellows were appointed Mustermasters & paymasters to the regiment going to Canada, & were Directed to pay their advance wages when mustered at Coos or elsewhere.—It is now further Voted that the said paymasters Deliver one half of said advance pay to the Field officers to be paid to the Soldiers upon their Enlistment, and the other half to be paid upon their Passing Muster—Sent up by Cap^{t} Moulton.

[P. 26.] Voted that the account of Caleb Greenleaf Adams, amounting to Fifteen pounds three shillings & Ten pence, be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Capt Moulton.

Voted That Col David Gilman James Betton Esqr & Capt Prentice be a Committee of this house to Confer with a Committee of the Honble Board Concerning Genl Sullivan's Appointing officers for a new Regiment, and his requisition to this assembly Concerning said Regiment, and to make report to this house as soon as may be.

Voted That Coll Nicholas Gilman Capt Josiah Moulton & Capt Ezekiel Worthen be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honble Board to hire or agree with a Person or Persons to build for the use of this Colony, a Row Galley, agreeable to a Plan or Draught Presented to this house by Major Hackett. Sent up by Capt Worthen. Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock afternoon.

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted That there be Added to the pay of Each of the members of the Honble Council & of this house one Shilling per day for their Attendance in Congress & on this Assembly for six months from the first Sitting of the Congress on the Twenty first of December last.

Mr Champney reported to the house That he had procured Seventy three Six quart Kettles at Portsmouth, and that Thirty more will be ready at Newbury Port on Wednesday Night next, and that Thirty more can be ready at Newbury Port by Saturday night next.

Voted, That Coll Evans, John Dudley Esq & Ichabod Rawlins Esqr be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to confer upon the Expediency of Choosing Delegates or a Delegate for this Colony to Represent us at the Grand Continental Congress at Philadelphia for the year ensuing.

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett, Delegate in Continental Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. III. p. 84.]

Philadelphia, Jany 20th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

The Congress on the 8th inst. voted to raise one Regiment in the

western parts of our Province for the service in Canada. The news of the misfortune at Quebeck arriving here last Thursday, they Voted yesterday to give the men a Bounty of forty shillings and one months pay advance, to encourage the speedy inlisting & sending forward said Regiment, and I hope you will do every thing in your power to hasten it, as the taking & securing Canada this Winter or early in the Spring before the arrival of British troops, will be of almost infinite advantage to the Continent, more especially to New England and to our Colony in particular. One Regiment will begin to march from this place for Canada in a few days, and one Regiment from New Jersey in 8 or ten days; Orders are also given to raise as soon as possible for the same service (Beside those in New Hampshire) one more Regiment in Pennsylvania, one Do. New Jersey, one Do. on the western parts of New York, and one Do. in Connecticut; and this Day I expect one will be ordered to be raised in Massachusetts for the same purpose; no cost or pains must be spared to secure the important Province of Canada.

I beg Leave to renew my request that Delegates may be appointed & sent here as soon as may be, as in my opinion the Representation of a Colony at this important Crisis is too weighty and important to be intrusted to any one person. That you may see the necessity of a larger Representation of our Colony I would inform you, that Beside Committees for special purposes that are frequently chosen, there are four or five standing Committees appointed, some for secrecy, some for dispatch, some of which Committees are Entrusted with large powers, and that there may be no cause of complaint, those Committees consist of one delegate from each Colony, sometimes two, sometimes 3, of those Committees set at the same time, so that tho' I attend some of the Committees almost every night and morning before and after Congress, yet some business of consequence is transacted by them without our Colony being represented, and sometimes the Committees set while the Congress is seting so that our Colony must be unrepresented in Both. I have been here almost five months a great part of the time without a colleague. I really find that I never knew what confinement with Business was before; and that I want more exercise of Body & less of mind, at least for some time: I please myself with hopes I shall soon see Delegates here from our Colony and that I may return to my family, and with my domestick affairs relax and unbend my fatigued mind.

The sum of 12,500 Dollars which the Congress ordered to be sent to you to be used in raising our Regiment for Canada, I shall send forward as soon as I can. Please to acquaint me with the Publick affairs of our Colony as often as convenient, and in particular of your success from time to time in raising the Regiment. As the Congress have entrusted you with appointing the officers, I know you will do the best you can to appoint proper persons, and hope you will be so fortunate as to give general satisfaction.

I am, gentl^{n} your
most obedient servant,
JOSIAH BARTLETT.

The Provincial Committee of Safety
of New hampshire.

Voted That Wyseman Clagett Esq^r^ be Attorney Generall For this Colony For the Current Year.

Sent up by the Clerk.

Voted That Col Timothy Walker Esq—Go to headquarters as soon as may be and Enquire what Number of Troops are Enlisted there, belonging to this Colony to be in the Service untill the first of April next, and what officers they Choose to Command them and to make any further Enquiries Concerning the State of our Troops there, and to make Report thereof to this house or to the Committee of Safety as soon as may be.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Tomorrow morning.

[P. 27.] Tuesday Jan^ry^ 23^d^ 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

Voted That Co^ll^ Walker, Capt Prentice & Coll David Gilman be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to Confer together and make report to this house as soon as may be, what may be best to be done in respect the Regiment Now raising for the Continental Army, and Commissioning them. Sent up by Col Walker.

Voted, That Major Downing, John Dudley Esq & Col Morey be a Committee of this house to Confer with a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board about Nominating Three Delegates to Represent this Colony at the Continental Congress at Philadelphia. Sent up by Col Morey.

Voted, That Col Timothy Walker, Capt Josiah Moulton, Capt Prentice, M^r^ Jacob Abbot, Col Evans & Col Morey be a Committee of this House to Confer with a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Council about the appointment of the Civil officers in this Colony. Sent up by Col. Walker.

The Following Vote of Council was bro't down from the Hon^ble^ Board viz:—

In Council 23^d^ Jan^ry^ 1776.

Whereas by Law, all Persons Annually appointed to offices in Towns & Parishes in this Colony, are required to take an Oath for the faithfull Discharge of their Duty therein, and as Difficulties have, & often may arise by reason of No Magistrate attending Town or Parish meetings, nor being appointed in Some Towns or Parishes, For Remedy Whereof, It is Now Resolved That the Moderator of any Such Town or Parish Meeting which may be held in this Colony, Be & is hereby Impowered to Administer the oath appointed by Law, to any Clerk of such Town or Parish, and afterward Such Clerk is hereby Impowered to Administer the Oaths Appointed by Law, to all other Town or Parish officers. Read and ordered to be sent down to the Hon^ble^ House for Concurrence. M Weare President.

In the House of Representatives Jan^{y} 23^{d} 1776. This Resolve being Read Voted That this House Concur therewith.

P. White Speaker.

Entered according to the original. N. Emery C^{l} D Rep^{s}.

Voted That Deacon Nahum Baldwin receive out of the Treasury Thirty five pounds to Purchase Fire Arms for this Colony, and to be by him accounted for. And that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin.

Voted to Send one of the members of this house (being of the Committee of Safety) and one of the Hon^{ble} Council whom they shall appoint, as a Committee to Treat with his Excell^{y} General Washington about officering the regiment now raising for the Continental army and that Said Committee have full power to settle those matters with the Generall And that Capt Josiah Moulton be the Committee from this house. Sent up by ——

[P. 28.] Voted That Mr. Rawlins Mr. Cutts & Col^{l} David Gilman be a Committee of this house to Join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Enquire into the State of the Treasury, & also to report what further sum of bills of Credit is Necessary to be Emitted on the faith of this Colony for our Present Exigencies, and in what manner to be emitted. And also to receive of the Treasurer all such bills as are on Interest, now in the Treasury, and to bring the same to be burnt to ashes before the Genl Court. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Voted, That Capt John Calfe be, and is hereby appointed to countersign the bills of Credit now lying in the Treasury, not countersigned. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Voted That John Dudley Esq Ichabood Rawlins Esq Col David Gilman, Saml Cutts Esq Samuel Sherburne Esq Jn^{o} M^{c}Clary Esq & Major Tash be a Committee to Examine into the matters of complaint of the Committee of Londonderry against Adam Stuart who is suspected of being Enemical to this Country, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be.

Voted That Josiah Bartlett John Langdon and William Whipple Esq^{r} be & hereby are Appointed Delegates to Represent this Colony in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, for the term of one year from this Time, any one of Them (in the absence of the others) to Have Full Power to represent the Colony, and That not more than two of them Attend at one time. Sent up by Cap. Worthen.

Voted To Choose a Committee to Confer with a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board and make report to this house, in what manner and in what Name, Such writs, Warrants & Precepts as may be Necessary to be Issued, in Cases of Trespasses, assaults and other Breaches of the Peace, and also for Collecting of Taxes, Shall be Issued; and that Doct Levi Dearborn Cap^{t} Mooney & Cap^{t} Calfe be the Committee of this house for that Purpose.

Sent up by M^{r} Emerson.

Voted that the report of the Committee appointed to hear & Examine into the matter of Complaint of the Committee of Londonderry against Adam Stuart, be received & filed, and ordered That Capt Long, Mr. Rollins & Mr. Emerson write a Letter to the Genl Court at Waterton to advertise them of the Trial of said Stuart, before a Committee of this house, and that they have adjudged him to be Enemical to the Cause of American Liberty.

Report of above said Committee.

[MS. State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 59.]

The Committee to examine into the matters of Complaint of the Committee of Londonderry, against Adam Stuart, Beg leave to Report, viz :—

That we have carefully & impartially heard the Evidences against Adam Stuart, and in his own defence, and are of opinion, upon the whole of the Evidence, that the said Adam Stuart, has in several instances (in conversation) discovered himself, as an enemy to American Liberty; therefore ought not to have the full Liberty of a True Friend to this Country. John Dudley, Chairman.

Jan^{y} 23^{d}, 1776.

Note. The depositions, evidences, &c., on which the foregoing report was founded, are found in "State Papers, Rev'n, Vol. III," pp. 49-59. The following are a part of them. Ed.

Londonderry, Jan^{y} y^{e} 15th 1776.

We the Committee of Safety for Londonderry agreeable to the orders of the Congress of this Colony, Now Resolved into a house and Councill have made this Return to your Honnours that the Evidences here Inclosed Appeared Before us the Subscribers and made solem oath to the Inclosed. The said Adam Stuart we are informed is in Cambridg in the Massetusetts Goverment.

Mo^{s} Barnett,
John M^{c}Keen,
Sam^{l} Allison,
Robert MacMurphy,
John Gilman,
John Nesmith,
John Bell.

To the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives
now Convened at Exeter.

Deposition of John Wiear.

Some time Last August I was at Lond Derry where I had some conversation with Mr. Adam Steuart Wherein he made light of my saying I hoped our troops would soon be in Boston. Likewise the whole of his conversation was on the Dark side of our unhappy Differince with our mother country. With other expressions of the like Nature—all which gave me ground to conclude him inimical to his country evver since.
Jn° Wiear.

Dated at Hampstead
the 22d of Jany 1776.

The Deposition of Mrs. Mary Ferrin of Lawfull age Testifieth & says, That sometime in the month of Novr last she heard Mr. Adam Stuart uttering the following words: That he would Fight under the colors of King George & that he could command a number of men out of Boston that would drive a great part of the country, as they were more Expert and Better Disciplined and more used to Fighting than the undisciplin'd country, &c. Likewise heard ye said Stuart use many Expressions which I looked upon to be in favour of the King and against the country, and that there was a commition laid for him when he went down, and further sayeth not.

her
Mary X Ferrin.
mark.

Londonderry Jany ye 22d, 1776.

Whereas Adam Stuart leat of Londonderry has ben long suspected as being Enemical to his country and strong evidences hath been sworn before us the Comity of Safety against said Stuart, this is therefor to Require Every true subject to his contrey to aprehend the said Adam Stuart and covey him imediately before the Congrace at Exeter so that he may be dealt with as his crime desarves and as we hear that said Stuart was in Londonderry yesterday seeking after debts and least that said Stuart should escape, this therefor Requirs the mor Hast from the Comity of Safety.

Moses Barnett,
John McKeen,
Saml Allison,
John Nesmith.

Londonderry January ye 19th, 1776.

Upon the application of Daniel Jackson for Liberty to Sail as a Privateer against our Enemies, Voted that Ichabood Rawlins & John McClary Esq & Mr. Barker be a Committee of this house to Join a Committee of the Honble Board, to Consult on that matter & Commission him in such manner as they shall think best, and lay the same before this house for their approbation.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9, O'clock.

[P. 29.] Wednesday Jan^{ry} 24th 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted To Direct our Delegates at the Continental Congress to Purchase & send here on Freight One Thousand Barrells of Flour on account & Risque of this Colony at the best & Cheapest rate they can.

Voted, That Col Morey, Col Gerrish, & Dr. Dearborn be a Committee to View & try twenty firearms Procured for the use of this Colony by Mr. Moses Parsons.

Voted That Dr Joshua Brackett be Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the Colony of New Hampshire, & that Samuel Penhallow Esq. be Register of said Court.

Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Voted That Col Walker & Saml Sherburne Esq^{r} be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Consult & Draw up Such Rules & Regulations for the Court of Admiralty to be governed by, as may appear to be Legal & Necessary at this time, and to make report to this house as Soon as may be. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the hon^{ble} Board To draw up Instructions for the Committee Voted to be Sent to Genl Washington about officering the Regiment now raising for the Continental Army—and that Col. Walker & James Betton Esq be the said Committee from this house. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Instructions to the Committee appointed to wait on General Washington.

[MS. State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III, p. 96.]

To the Hon^{ble} Matthew Thornton, Esq. & Josiah Moulton Esq.

You being appointed a Committee to wait on his Excellency General Washington, on the subject of his requesting a Regiment from this Colony to assist in guarding the Lines 2 months: You are therefore desired to proceed to the Camp and Enquire what number of men are there Inlisted or likely to Ingage in the Regiment officered by Gen^{l} Sullivan for said purpose, and if they are, not and cannot be raised there, under the proposed officers, to consider whether the officers appointed by this Court will be likely better to effect the purpose of rais^{g} the Reg^{t}.

Likewise *wait on General Washington* and lay before his Excellency all the letters rec^{d} from General Sullivan on that subject and represent to him the Difficulties that have, & likely may arise, by General Sullivan's doing things that this Colony suppose ought to be done by their Legislative authority. And if it is absolutely necess^{y} to advance a months pay to said Reg^{t} you may engage it. You are desired to enquire whether the people that came in on the Lexington alarm are likely to be paid by the Continent; also in what name Commissions & Processes Issue in the Massa^ts Colony.

(Copy.)

Letter from Gen. John Sullivan.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III, p. 100.]

Winter Hill, Jan^y 26^th, 1776.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS—

I have this Day had the pleasure of seeing the worthy Gentlemen you were pleased to appoint as a Committee. They relieved me much when they informed That you had Voted to advance the money for the new Regiment and that you approved of my plan for Raising it; which by Informations rec^d before I thought was not the case. I had not time before, nor have I even now to assign all the Reasons for such an attempt—one weighty Reason was that all the new Troops that came in are bound to pay a Tax to the climate by sickness; this the present Militia have gone through & therefore will much better endure the severities of the next campaign. I hope to have a great part of the Regiment from those, but least a deficiency should happen I obtained leave to Furlough some officers for the purpose of enlisting some in the Country. I have now no doubt upon my mind about compleating the Regiment by the time, Since you have been kind enough to advance the months pay. This money I entreat you to put into the hands of Major Coffin that he may forward it to Waldron & Chesley as soon as possible, and I will be answerable for the Disbursement. After the Regiment is on the ground shall send you a List of the men & officers and beg you to grant the Commissions, and in this & every other matter shall chearfully acquiesce in your Determinations & exert myself to obey any of your commands.

Gentlemen, I am with much respect,

y^r most obed^t serv^t,

JN^O SULLIVAN.

Hon. Gen^l Assembly of New Hamp^r.

Voted, That the Hon^ble Matthew Thornton Esq^r & Capt Josiah Moulton receive out of the Treasury Six pounds, to be by them accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof.

Sent up by Capt Moulton.

Voted, That the Draft of a Commission for Capt Daniel Jackson as Master and Commander of the Privateer Enterprise, bro't by M^r Clagett into this house, by order of Councill, is acceptable to the house, and that the same be Sealed up in a Letter & Sent to the Committee of Safety of Portsmouth who are to take bond of said Jackson for his faithfull Discharge of his Trust, in case the Same measure is adopted by the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay, the bond to be for one thousand Pounds.

Sent up by Mr. Emerson.

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted That in case the Regiment now raising for the Continental Army be raised at the lines or elsewhere, or Nearly filled up under the officers appointed by Genl Sullivan, that the same officers Stand according to his appointment. Otherwise that the Committee of this house Nominate Six persons as candidates, Three of which to be Field officers of said Regiment viz Coll William Stark, Major Thomas Tash & Major David Copp, Coll Jonathan Burnam, Col Henry Gerrish and Capt Hercules Mooney. Sent up by Capt Moulton.

[P. 30.] Voted, That the Sum of Eleven hundred Twenty Eight Pounds & fifteen Shillings in paper bills on Interest, Received out of the Treasury by the Committee of both Houses be Forthwith burnt to Ashes in Presence of Both Houses, And that the said Committee be & hereby are Discharged in full from the receit thereof. Sent up by Mr. Cutts.

Voted That the Ballance of the account of Amos Eastman for guns, amounting to Thirty two pounds Sixteen Shillings be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and That the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

Voted, That Capt Richard Emms now a Prisoner of Hon^r at Portsmouth, receive out of the Treasury Fifteen pounds toward his subsistence, to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Capt Long.

The Vote of this house of Jan^ry 15^th 1776, relating to the pay of the members of the Hon^ble Council and of this house, being Sent up to the Hon^ble Board, and being sent down to this House (by Mr. Giles) Concurr'd with this amendment viz: "that the money drawn out of the Treasury by Each " Member of the House of Representatives for their attend- " ance Shall be added to the next Tax bill of the Constituents " of Each respective Member," which being read & Considered: Voted that this House adhere to their former Vote. Sent up by John Dudley Esq.

Adjourned to 9, O'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday Jan^ry 25^th 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted That the ballance of the account of Mr. Moses

Parsons amounting to five pounds Nineteen Shillings be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Col Morey.

Voted That John Dudley & James Betton Esq^{r}: be a Committee of this house to Confer with a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board Concerning Settling the Dispute between Col Hobart and Col Stark, & make report thereon to this house as soon as may be. (1) Sent up by James Betton Esq.

Voted, That Col David Gilman & Capt Prentice be added to the Committee of Safety for the Purpose of Fitting out the Regiment under Command of Coll Bedle, for Canada.

Sent up by Col D. Gilman.

Voted that the Committee of Safety proceed to Fit out & Send off to Canada the Regiment under the Command of Col Beedle, the Sitting of the Genl Assembly Notwithstanding. Sent up by Col Gilman.

Voted that Col Walker, Mr. Gibson & Capt Bell be a Committee of this House to conferr with a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council about an adjournment of the Council & House, and to make report as soon as may be. Sent up by Col Walker.

Voted to Send no answer to Col Hobart's Message by Mr Gray.

[P. 31.] Voted That Samuel Cutts Esq Commissary, receive out of the Treasury Five hundred Pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Mr Cutts.

Voted, the Committee of Safety of New Market their account for five rafts, amounting to Thirty nine pounds six Shillings & three pence halfpenny be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Maj^{r} Tash.

Voted That John Dudley Esq Otis Baker Esq. Mr Jacob Abbot, Capt Prentice and M^{r} Emerson be a Committee to join with a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Nominate proper persons in the respective Countys in the Colony to administer an oath to the respective officers of each County in said Colony, and to Nominate a Committee in each County to receive Bonds of the recorders of Deeds & Conveyances Registers of Probates & County Treasurers in the Respective Counties in this Colony also to Nominate a Committee in each County to remove the records of Deeds and Conveyances, and of Probate, to the places where they are to be kept in the Respective Counties. Sent up by Capt Prentice.

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(1) See subsequent "Correspondence."—ED.

Adjourned to 9, O'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday Jan^ry^ 26^th^ 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted That Matthew Morley a Prisoner here, Receive out of the Treasury Twelve pounds towards his Subsistence, to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by M^r^ Rollins.

Voted that John Dudley Esq^r^ Maj: Barker Capt Prentice, Capt Worthen, John M^c^Clarey Esq & James Betton Esq, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Council about Setling the Wages of both Houses.

Voted That Capt Long Maj^r^ Downing & Deacon Knowles be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the hon^ble^ Council to consider of the Petitioning the Hon^ble^ The Continental Congress with regard to the Settling one or more Battallions of Soldiers at Portsmouth or any other part of this Colony for the Defence thereof upon the Continental Charge & Establishment. Sent up by Capt Long.

Voted That Phillips White Esq & Noah Emery Esq^r^ For the County of Rockingham, Col^l^ Baker & Ichabod Rollins Esq for the County of Strafford, Moses Nichols Esq and Matthew Patten Esq. for the County of Hillsborough; Thomas Sparhawk Esq and Benjamin Bellows Jun Esq^r^ for the County of Cheshire, Samuel Emerson Esq & Daniel Brainard Esq^r^ for the County of Grafton, Be and hereby are appointed Committees in Conjunction with a Committee from the Hon^ble^ Board in the Respective Counties to Administer an oath of office to the Several Persons Chosen into office in the aforesaid Counties; also to take Bonds of the Respective Recorders of Deeds & Conveyances, & County Treasurers in a Respectable Sum to Phillips White Esq^r^ Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Speaker for the time being Faithfully & Impartially to Execute their Office; also to remove [P. 32.] the Records of Deeds, and of the Probate offices, and those of the Secretary and Deliver them to the Persons

Now Appointed to keep those offices. Also upon the Death or Incapacity of any of the aforesaid officers where records are kept, that they in their Respective Countys be Impowered to take such records, and Safely keep them untill the then next Sitting of the General Assembly. Sent up by Jn^{o} Dudley Esq^{r}.

Voted That Capt Prentice & Capt Hercules Mooney be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to prepare a form of an oath or oaths to be taken by the Several officers of the respective Counties in this Colony.
Sent up by M^{r} Clough.

Voted that Col Walker & Capt Long be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council to Consult about the most convenient Method of obtaining Flour from abroad. Sent up by Col^{l} Walker.

Voted that Col^{l} Gilman & Col^{l} Evans be a Committee to Procure Seventy Axes, for the use of the Regiment Destined for Canada, on the best Terms they Can get them.
Sent up by Col Gilman.

Upon reading the Vote of the Hon^{ble} Council, that the pay due to the several members of the General Assembly be drawn out of the Treasury at the end of this Session, according to the Votes of the House, And the Question whether the Same be replaced in the Treasury by the Constituents of each member, as well as the future wages, be put off untill the Second Wednesday of the Sitting of the General Assembly after the adjournment, Voted not to Concur. Sent up by Capt Harriman.

Voted That Noah Emery Esq be allowed & paid out of the Treasury Six Shillings per day for each days attendance, in the Late Congress and in the house of Representatives for his Service as Clerk of said houses, over and above his wages as member of the Same. Sent up by N. Emery Esq^{r}. Voted that the Justices of the Peace through this Colony and of the several Counties within the Same, be hereby Directed to try no actions in Civil Cases untill further order of the General Assembly—That after the first day of April next the Several Courts of General Sessions of the Peace Sit in the respective Counties, at the Term heretofore appointed by Law and not before—That the Justices of the Peace make use of the same forms in the Issuing their Processes in Criminal Cases, as has been Legal Formerly—That the Several Courts of Sessions at their Meeting Take up & Determine all matters that lay Unfinished by the Last Court of General Sessions held in such County. That the Superior Court of Judicature &c, and the several Inferior Courts of Common [p. 33.] pleas in their Respective Countys be not opened till further orders of the General Assembly—That the Justices of the Peace be Guided by the laws of this Colony in Determining Criminal matters, till otherways Determined by the General Assembly. That the Laws of this Colony Printed in the late Edition thereof, Originally made & passed by the Legislative authority of this Colony may at Present (untill a more Carefull revision and amendment of them) be a Guide to all Executive officers of this Colony and be Considered as Law—Except An Act requiring Persons to take an Oath of Allegiance, (in the first Page) All Clauses Respecting the Governor & Council Sitting or acting as a Court of Appeals,—the Clause Allowing an appeal to the King in Case &c. The act for fixing Triennial Assemblies, an act Laying an Excise on Spirituous Liquors. Sent up by Mr. Emerson.

Resolved That there be Emitted Twenty Thousand & Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings Lawful money upon the Credit of this Colony, for the use and Service thereof in bills of the Following Denominations viz.—

3176 bills of Six Dollars
3176 bills of Five Dollars
3176 bills of Four Dollars
3176 bills of Three Dollars
3176 bills of Two Dollars
3176 bills of One Dollars

And that the Same Shall be redeemed by a Tax on the Polls & Estate of the Inhabitants of this Colony in the following manner vizt

£5.000 by the 26th day of January in the year of our Lord [1783
£5.000 more by the 26th of January—1784
£5.000 more by the 26th of January—1785
£5.008 16 Shillings more by the 26th of January—1786

And that the form of said bills be as Follows, vizt—

Colony of New Hampshire } Dollars Dollars
N^{o} ( ) January 26th 1776

The Possessor of this bill Shall be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony . . . Dollars by the . . . . which bill shall be received for the aforesaid Sum in all payments at the Treasury, and all other payments. by order of the Councill & Assembly

Dollars Dollars

} Committee

[P. 34.] That Josiah Moulton Jun^{r} Joseph Gilman & Phillips White Esq^{r} or any Two of them be a Committee to Sign said Bills.

That Meshech Weare Esq^{r} & Doct^{r} Levi Dearborn be a Committee to Procure paper and Superintend the Press, while the money is Printing and to Deliver the Same to the Treasurer and Take his receit therefor—All which bills after their redemption Shall be burnt to Ashes in Presence of the Council and Assembly. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Voted that the Persons hereafter Named be and hereby are Chosen and Appointed to the Respective offices Following viz—

Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature for this Colony—

The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^{r} Chief Justice.

The Hon^{ble} { Matthew Thornton Esq^{r}
Leverett Hubbard Esq^{r}
John Wentworth Esq^{r} } Justices.

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham.

The Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq^{r} 1st
Nathaniel Folsom Esq^{r} 2^{d}
George King Esq^{r} 3^{d}
John Dudley Esq^{r} 4th } Justices

Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum.

Hunking Wentworth, Jonathan Warner, Samuel Penhallow, William Weeks, Walter Bryant, Richard Downing, Benjamin Rowe, Phillips White Esq^{rs}.

Justices of the Peace.

John Dudley, David Gilman, Josiah Moulton, Samuel Cutts, Henry Prescott, Noah Emery, William Parker Jr, Samuel Dudley, Richard Bartlett, Samuel Emerson, Nathan Bachelder, Nathaniel Bachelder, Josiah Gage, Timothy Walker, Ju^{r}, Jeremiah Clough, Archelaus Moore, Samuel Moore, Robert Wilson, Ebenezer Stevens, Samuel Little, John McClary, Nicholas White, Joseph Wellch, Timothy Ladd, James Betton, Benjamin Butler, Edward Russell, David Lawrence, William Moore, John Webster of Chester, and John Leavitt, Esq^{rs}.

Coroners. George Gains, Samuel Folsom, Amos Coffin, Hubartus Neal, Jonathan Swain, Nehemiah Wheeler, Jonathan Eastman, Abraham Batchelder, Jeremiah Eastman, Benjamin Little, Jonathan Eaton, Simonds Seccomb, & John Nutter Esq^{rs}.

[P. 35.] Judge of Probate &c, Phillips White Esq^{r}.
Register of Probate, William Parker Ju^{r} Esq^{r}.
Recorder of Deeds &c, Joseph Pierce.
County Treasurer, Samuel Brooks.
Sheriff, John Parker Esq^{r}.

For the County of Strafford.

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

The Hon^{ble} George Frost, Esq^{r}
Otis Baker, Esq^{r}
John Plummer Esq^{r}
Moses Carr Esq^{r}
} Justices.

Judge of Probate, Ichabod Rawlins Esq^{r}.
Register of Probate,—John Wentworth—Esq^{r}
County Treasurer, Thomas Westbrook Walden Esq^{r}
Recorder of Deeds &c, Thomas Westbrook Walden Esq—
Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum, Joseph Badger, Esq.

Justices of the Peace, Ichabod Rawlins, Ebenezer Smith, Daniel Beede, Joseph Senter, Thomas Parsons, Joseph Sias, Solomon Emerson, Simeon Dearborn, Miles Rendall, Paul Hayes, John Wentworth Jun^{r} Esq^{rs}. Coroners—John Gage, Ebenezer Tibbetts, John Horn, John Cate, Jacob Brown, and Edward Gilman.

For the County of Hillsborough.

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.—

The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Lovewell Esq^{r}
James Underwood Esq^{r}
Timothy Farrar Esq^{r}
Jeremiah Page Esq^{r}
} Justices.

Justices of the Peace, Matthew Patten, Jonathan Lovewell, Jeremiah Page, Timothy Farrar, Henry Gerrish, Moses Nichols, James Underwood, Isaac Andrews, Joseph Bean, & George Jackman.

Judge of Probate,—Matthew Patten Esq^{r}—

Register of Probate—Jonathan Blanchard Esq—

Recorder of Deeds &c—Moses Nichols, Esq^{r}—

County Treasurer—Nahum Baldwin Esq^{r}—

Sheriff—Moses Kelly, Esq—Coroners—Daniel Emerson, Jun^{r} Samuel Moore—Ebenezer Webster, Obadiah Parker, Samuel Kimball & John Hogg.

[p. 36.] For the County of Cheshire.

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

The Hon^{ble} Samuel Ashley, Esq^{r}
Benjamin Bellows Jr Esq^{r}—
Samuel Chase Esq^{r}—
Benjamin Giles Esq^{r}—
} Justices.

Judge of Probate &c, Thomas Sparhawk, Esq^{r}—

Register of Probate, Ichabod Fisher Esq—

Recorder of Deeds, Benjamin Bellows Jun^{r} Esq^{r}—

County Treasurer, Thomas Sparhawk Esq^{r}—

Sheriff, Samuel Hunt, Esq^{r}—Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Benjamin Bellows Esq^{r} Justices of the Peace, Benjamin Bellows Jun^{r}, Samuel Chase, Enoch Hale, and Francis Smith Esqrs. Coroners—Moses Chase, Samuel Trott, & Samuel Hills Esq^{rs}.

For the County of Grafton.

Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

The Hon^{ble} John Hurd Esq
Elisha Pain Esq^{r}
Bezaleel Woodward Esq^{r}
Samuel Emerson Esq^{r}
} Justices.

Judge of Probate, Israel Morey Esq^{r}

Register of Probate, Elisha Pain Esq^{r}.

Sheriff, Jotham Cummings Esq^{r}.

County Treasurer, John Hurd Esq^{r}.

Recorder of Deeds, &c John Hurd Esq^{r}.

Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum, Israel Morey Esq^{r}.

Justices of the Peace, Bezaleel Woodward, Daniel Brainard, John Wheatly and Joseph Peverly Esq^{rs}.

Coroners, Francis Worcester, Andrew Savage Crocker, & Edward Buckman, Esq^{rs}.

That the Members of the Council be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum throughout the Colony.

That the Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the several Counties Be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum in their respective Countys.

Sent up by Col Walker & Col Morey—

Adjourned to 9, O'clock To-morrow morning.

[P. 37] Saturday Jan^{ry} 27th 1776.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Council & House of Representatives shall be adjourned From this day to the First Wednesday in March next, to meet at the town House in Exeter at three of the Clock Afternoon. Sent up by Mr. Abbot.

Voted That Mr. Secretary Thompson shall receive three Shillings per day for sixteen days attendance on the late Congress as Secretary, over and above his wages as a member of said Congress (out of the Grant made yesterday to Noah Emery as clerk of Said Congress) and that he receive Six Shillings per day for his services, as Secretary to the Colony, over and above his wages as a Councillor. Sent up by Mr. Abbot.

Voted That Capt Ezekiel Worthen be Chief Commander of the Forces at & near Piscataqua Harbour, and that he with the Soldiers there Erect Such Batterys on & near Great Island as shall be Necessary to Prevent the Enemy from landing there, and that he receive a Major's Commission & have Major's Pay—Sent up by Capt Wilson.

Voted, That the Roll of Capt William Prescott, amounting to One hundred Twenty-one pounds fourteen Shillings & five pence half penny be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Capt Wilson.

Voted, That the account of Joshua Wiggin amounting to five pounds three Shillings & Eleven pence be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for Payment thereof. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Voted, That the account of Capt Matthew Thornton, amounting to Seven pounds Eleven Shilling & sixpence be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Voted, That the oath to be Taken by the several Justices of the Peace in this Colony Shall be the same as that in the last Edition of the Province Law book, and that all other Officers be sworn Dilligently, faithfully & Impartially to Execute the offices to which they are appointed. Sent up by Col Walker.

Adjourned one hour & then met.

Voted, That William Whipple Esq^r our Delegate to the Continental Congress Have and receive out of the Treasury One Hundred Pounds, to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment of the same. Sent up by Col Walker.

Voted that the receiver General & Samuel Brooks receive all the Blankets offered to them from this day untill the first day of the Next Session of this assembly, and Pay for them out of the Treasury. Sent up by Doct^r Nichols—

[P. 38.] Voted, That the Committee of Safety be Directed to write to the Continental Congress, and lay the Plan of Government, Taken up by this Colony, before them, and Let them Know that a Number of the Members of this House Dissented to & Protested against the same; Supposing it breathed too much of the Spirit of Independence; and to know the judgment of the Congress thereon. Sent up by Col Walker.

Letter of the Committee (as above ordered) *to the Continental Congress.*

Colony of New Hampshire:

To the Honourable Congress of the United Colonies of North America:

[Amer. Ar. Vol. IV, (4th ser.) p. 997.]

The Committee of Safety of said Colony, pursuant to an order of the Council and Assembly, beg leave to lay before you some difficulties that have arisen among them, and request your determination thereon, being assured that your opinion on the premises will quiet the minds of those dissatisfied, and that all will acquiesce therein. We are very sorry that any misunderstandings among ourselves should lay us under the necessity of diverting your minds from the important concerns which engross your attention. But no expedient could be found to satisfy many among us, but the laying the whole matter before your Honours. Soon after the commencement of hostilities by the King's troops at Lexington, the people in several of our Counties were so enraged against many of the Executive officers, supposing them to be inimical to the liberties of the country, that they would not suffer the Courts to sit, so much as to try criminal offenders. And the Congress, in the Summer past, finding the Courts under the officers in commission could not be held, and many complaints coming before them against persons for high crimes, agreed to instruct their Delegates to request some direction from your Honours, relative to the regulating our Civil Police. Before the dissolution of the Congress, and previous to the reception of your recommendation about Government, a general plan of Representation was agreed on, to consist of eighty-nine persons, and precepts issued in consequence thereof: a copy of which we transmit herewith. After the meeting of the new Congress, the members appeared to agree in the necessity of assuming Government, but differed in the mode; after setting fifteen days, viz. on the 5th of January, the Resolve for assuming Government passed by a majority of near two to one, a copy of which accompanies this; and the next day chose the number proposed for a Council, who took their seat and proceeded on business according to the plan. A number of the members of the House being dissatisfied with the measures adopted, protested against them,—a copy of which we also send herewith. Our brethren in the town of Portsmouth were also much concerned lest the proceedings should hurt the common cause; disaffect our friends in Great Britain—as savouring of independency. They wrote circular letters to a great number of towns, expressing their fears of the consequence of our taking up Government; soon after which the towns of Portsmouth, Dover, Rochester, Newington, Greenland, Rye, Stratham, Northampton, Kensington, New Market, with a number of individuals in the town of Brentwood, petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that they were greatly alarmed at the proceedings of the Congress in taking up Government, supposing it looked too much like setting up for independency; were exceeding fearful of the consequence; that we should lose the assistance of our friends abroad, and create a disunion among ourselves, and prayed that the two Houses would reconsider the Resolve for taking up Government, and proceed to business as the late Congress had done. The House of Representatives thinking it absolutely necessary, for the well being of the Colony, to proceed agreeable to the Resolves, concluded to let the petitions lay. But, at the request of the Petitioners, it was agreed to have the proceedings laid before your honourable Body: And this Committee under real expectation that your determination will settle the difference of opinion among us, humbly request you to transmit the same.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your most humble servant.

By order of the Committee,

MESHECH WEARE, Chairman.

[NOTE. The above communication was sent with a letter to the New Hampshire delegates in Congress, as follows. ED.]

Exeter, February 10, 1776.

Gentlemen—Enclosed in this packet you will find a representation of the taking up Government, and difficulties that have arisen in the several counties relating thereto. We desire you would lay them before Congress, and endeavour to obtain their opinion thereon, as we expect uneasiness will remain until the same is obtained, which we hope will settle the dust, and desire you will be assiduous in getting it decided and forwarded as soon as may be.

To the Hon. Josiah Bartlett and
William Whipple, Esq^{s}.

[The documents in the packet sent are all found in their place in the *Journal of the House—ante*—on pp. 12–17]

Voted, That Capt Turner be and hereby is Discharged from the service of this Colony as Captain of a Company of Artillery, and also his said Company, and that Major Ezekiel Worthen take the Command of said Company.

Sent up by M^{r} Saml Moore.

Voted, that the Committee of Safety receive out of the Treasury Nine Shillings per day for their past service & for every day of their sitting in Future, in the Recess of the General Court, they paying their Expenses, and that they be allowed the Same Travel as the members of the General Court have. Sent up by Capt Harriman.

Voted that the Following Petition be sent to the Continental Congress, viz^{t}.

To the Honourable Congress of the United Colonies of North America, Humbly Sheweth—

The Council & Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire:

That by reason of their Vicinity to the Town of Boston, the Enemies Ships of Warr often hovering round their Coast & Harbour, They have been for many months past Kept in perpetual Alarms. Have been at a very Great Expence in preparing to Defend themselves, at Least Thirty Thousand Pounds L m^{y} in Erecting Batteries, mounting Cannon & supporting Soldiers, having had Fourteen hundred men under pay at one time—Exclusive of Two hundred Matrosses to Guard the Metropolis and Expect the ensuing spring, to be under the Necessity of Raising a much Greater Number; and as you have been pleased to order a Number of Battalions of men to be raised to Guard other Colonies, and as this is by far the Poorest Colony on the Continent, according to the Number of Inhabitants—

We most humbly pray your Honours would order such a Number of men to be raised and Stationed at Portsmouth, (and in case of any Emergency to assist our Neighbour Colonies) as you in Your Wisdom Shall see fit.

The House adjourned to the first Wednesday in March next, to meet then at the Town house in Exeter at three of the Clock Afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE, &c.

[Between the time of adjournment and the meeting of the House of Representatives, March 6th, 1776. Ed.]

Letter from General Washington.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III, p. 110.]

Cambridge, 27th Janua^{y} 1776.

Sir—

There were three accounts exhibited against the United Colonies by different persons in your Province;

One by Jonathan Burnham, for	£40 : 7 : 5
One for Horse hier &c. by Sam^{l} Hobart,	0 : 5 :
One by yourself for sundry exp^{s}	26 : 2 : 5
	£74 : 14 : 10

I think it will be more regular, that the accounts above mentioned should be settled by agents that will doubtless be appointed by the Congress to settle the accounts that are or may be depending with the different Provinces: This is the reason that I do not at present enter upon an examination of these accounts. I am,

Sir, your most H^{b} serv^{t},

G^{o}. Washington.

William Whipple, Esq^{r}.

Petition of Capt. Titus Salter.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III, p. 108.]

The Petition of Titus Salter of Portsm^{o}, to the Hon^{ble} Councill and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire now convened at Exeter,—*Humbly shews:*

That your Petitioner has an account against this Colony amounting to Ninety six pounds four shillings & 3¾ Lawf^{l} money, Being for sundrys supplyed the People at Different Times, who wrought (gratis) on the Battery lately erected on Pearce's Island, so called: That at the time your Petitioner began to supply said People there was no Commissary appointed by said Colony, and at every other time that the charges were made the Commissary had not the necessarys required.

Your Petitioner desires his account may be properly examined. After which, if it is found to be Right (which he is ready to aver) that an order for payment may issue,—And your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray. Titus Salter.

January 26th, 1776.

Copy of Letters written to the Selectmen of Amherst, Dunbarton, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, Raby, Society Land, New Castle, Sanbornton, Moultonborough, Tamworth, Hinsdale & Charles Town.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. III, p. 112.]

In Committee of Safety, Jan'ry 31st, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

We have received Intelligence from our Delegates at Philadelphia that if the numbers of all the People in each Town are not speedily sent, we run the hazard of being Doomed much beyond our proportion of the Continental Expences. As yours is not come to hand, we pray you to Dispatch it with speed according to the request made last Fall. If you have sent & it hath miscarried we must intreat your sending again.

By order of the Comt. I am, yrs

M. W.

P. S. Pray let the Return be made on Oath.

Letter to Col. John Bellows.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. III, p. 114.]

Exeter, Jan'ry 31st, 1776.

SIR—

We have just received a Packet from the Continental Congress, Informing us nine Regiments are to be sent forthwith to Canada, all which are Raising & some on their march by this time; desiring our Regiment may be forwarded with all speed, and that when any one or two Companys are Ready to march forward, they likewise direct forty shillings L. M. to be given each soldier well accoutred as a Bounty, and one months pay in advance. Therefore you may assure all the men that you muster, that forty shillings of the money you pay them is a Bounty, & the other one months pay advance. Pray do everything to forward the men & hurry Col. Wait as much as possible. The Necessaries are gone & going from Exeter to Cohos. Coll. Bedel will set off from here we expect to-morrow; 3 or 4 companies at Plymouth & Cohos are enlisted.

In behalf of the Committee of Safety,

I am your m't humb servt, M. W.

Major Bellows.

P. S. Pay the Commission officers 2 months wages.

Instructions to Col. Morey and Major Bellows.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. III, p. 114]

To Israel Morey & John Bellows, Esqrs, as you by vote of the Council and Assembly of this Colony are appointed Muster Masters, & Pay Masters to the Regiment raising for Canada, you are hereby directed, out of the money you have received from the Treasury to pay each soldier whom you shall Muster, being an able bodied Effect*ed* man & well accoutred, Forty shillings L M as a Bounty & Two months wages to each commissioned officer, & also one months pay to each non-commiss^d^ officer and soldier at the Rates Established by the Continental Congress, and assist in providing for and forwarding the Regiment with all speed, & make return of your doings as soon as may be to the General Court of this Colony or Committee of Safety. You are likewise to observe that the soldiers that Receive the Colony Guns are to be informed that they are to allow One dollar for the use of the same, and should they not be returned at the end of the Campaign they are to take care that the above stoppages are to be made upon making up the muster Rolls.

By order Committee.

M. W.

Committee Safety, Jan^y^ 31, 1776.

Letter from Stephen Moylan relating to Col. Stark.

[MS. State Pap. Vol. III, p. 118.]

Cambridge, 7^th^ Februa^y^, 1776.

SIR—

As you presided at the Honorable Convention, when a Complaint was made against Col. John Stark, by his Excellency's command I address myself to you upon that subject. A Court of enquiry has been held, in the process of which Colonel Stark has seen that he was very blameable, and sent an acknowledgment of his fault in writing, which I have the honor to inclose you. His Excellency wishes that this may prove satisfactory to the members of your Honourable Congress, as the Colonel is a good officer, who understands & does his duty; but if you & the Gentlemen who have been ill-treated upon this occasion, insist that he should be brought to a trial by Court martial, His Excellency will, on receipt of your answer to this, order one to try this affair, tho' as I before mentioned, it would give his Excellency great satisfaction that it was made up in an amicable manner.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

your most obed^t^ serv^t^,

STEPHEN MOYLAN,

P. T. S.

The Hon^ble^ Matthew Thornton, Esq.

Acknowledgment made by Col. Stark.

[MS. State Pap. Vol. III, p. 120.]

Whereas on the 30^th^ Day of Dec^r^ last, some Persons belonging to my Regim^t^ without orders or Warrant from me for so doing, Proceeded under arms from their Barracks on Winter Hill to the Lodging of Samuel Hobart, Esq^r^, at Medford & there assaulted & took him prisoner and brought him to my Encampment at Winter Hill, and I being at that time much Perplexed with Business, and not knowing the many aggravated circumstances attending said assault, and not considering at that time the Dangerous Tendency of such an Insult offer'd to him, while in the execution of his office as paymaster of the Troops from the Colony of New Hampshire, Neglected to confine & punish those Offenders, but being before wearied with their complaints for want of pay, and much perplex'd with other Business, hastily and inconsiderately threw out some warm & illiberal Reflections upon some of the members of the Congress in that Colony, for which I am sincerely sorry, and heartily ask their forgiveness, and beg leave to assure them that those Reflections proceeded only from heat & Passion, and not from any settled Design to Slander or defame them.

JOHN STARK.

Head Quarters, Cambridge, Feb^y^ 6. 1776.

[Copied from American Ar., 4th ser., Vol. IV, p. 979.]

The Court of Inquiry, whereof General Greene was President, appointed to inquire into the complaint of Colonel Hobart, Paymaster General of the New Hampshire forces, against Colonel Stark: The Court have reported the state of the evidences given in before them, by which it appears that Col. Hobart's complaints were well founded. All further proceedings are suspended, Colonel Stark having made such acknowledgments to the injured parties, as will, in all probability, be accepted as satisfactory.

The Colonel, or officer commanding each Regiment, is to examine minutely into the quantity and condition of their ammunition, and make report of the average number of rounds they are possessed of to their respective Brigadiers without delay, and immediately thereupon the Brigadiers to lay this, their report, before the General.

The armourers are required to be very exact and diligent at their business. If they are known to do work for any others than those of the Army, they will be brought to the severest punishment; or if they presume to charge a soldier for any repair done to his arms, they will also be called to a strict account.

An exact report to be made of all the cartridges in the different Magazines. Those now employed in making cartridges are to be constant and diligent at their work.

The arms which have been delivered out of the publick stores are not to be put in the hands of commissioned officers. The Colonels of the several Regiments are to be answerable that this order is duly attended to.

Petition to Congress for Continental Troops.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III, p. 120.]

Colony of New Hamp^{r}. } To the Hon^{ble} Congress of the United Colonies of North America.

The Council & Assembly of said Colony of N. Hampshire Humbly shew: That by reason of the vicinity of the Port of Boston (the General Rendezvous of our Enemies) to this Colony, and their men-of-war often Hovering round our Harbour, have been, ever since the destruction of Falmouth, kept in continual alarms, which hath occasioned a Prodigious expence in erecting fortifications and keeping a large Body of men in pay to guard our sea-coast & metropolis, some part of the time upwards of 1400. Being sensible our Enemies have a particular view in getting possession of our Harbour, as it is very commodious for their shipping, and if once in their possession will prove of the greatest consequence to them in annoying the Eastern country; and this Colony, ever dependant on the more southern ones for a considerable part of their Bread, and in shipping off Lumber to raise money to pay therefor, are now very much distressed. Wherefore as you [have] been pleased to order several Battalions to defend our sister Colonies, we humbly pray you would direct so many men to be raised for our defence as you in your wisdom shall see fit:—And we shall ever pray.

By order of the Council & Assembly—

M. Weare, President of the Council.

Exeter, Feby 8, 1776.

Letter to the Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 122.]

Sir—

Before the reception of your letters of the 12th & 20th of Jany, an account of the unfortunate affair at Quebeck came to hand with a Requisition from his Excellency General Washington for this Colony to raise a Regiment for that service, which was Imediately attended to, The Field officers appointed, and orders for Enlisting the men given out. As so great a proportion of the men in the Eastern & Middle part of the Colony were Engaged at the Grand Army and to Guard the Sea-Coast, it was Judged best to Endeavor the raising this on the Western Frontiers, and every thing that was tho't Exped' has been done to forward the purpose. We hear some companies have marched & Expect the whole Battalion, consisting of the number desired, will follow them in a few days. Before our design of Raising this Regt was known in the Western parts, upwards of one Hundred men from this Colony had enlisted under officers appointed by Coll. Warner of the Green Mountain Boys, and March'd, and are, we suppose, before this time at Quebeck.

By order of the Committee.

I have the Honr to be your mt hum. Servt,

(Copy.) [No date.] ——— ———

Hon. John Hancock.

Committee of Safety to Col. Morey.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III, p. 124.]

In Committee of Safety, Feby 10th, 1776.

To Collo Israel Morey—

We send you by Coll. Bedel seven Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds L M to pay off the Troops. Likewise, Coll. Bedell's Roll; the balance due to each man you are to pay, with the price of Rations as set down to the Lieuts. Palmer & Nelson; you will observe that the balance due to each man Includes his coat money and blanket. We also transmit the Roll of Lieut. Wheeler's men, the balance of which you will pay to each man. The Staff Roll of Coll. Bedel you will also pay what is due, viz., the adjutant, Quarter master, surgeon and sergeant major, their respective balances, & price of Rations. In Captain Osgood's Roll you will take notice that against these names where it is wrote pd to Capt. Osgood, the whole is paid; and those names where it is wrote against "Order on the Treasury for all but the coat money," you will pay to them their coat money only, they having rec'd their wages; and make return of your Payments together with the Rolls, as soon as possible, that the accounts may be forwarded for payment.

By order of the Committee,

I am your mt hume servt,

M. W., Chairman.

Letters from Col. Jno. Langdon to Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 128.]

Portsmo, Feby 17th, 1776.

Gent:

I've just Recd a letter from Philada, Informing me of one of the vessells belonging to the Continental service, havs arrived with sixty Tons of salt petre, thirteen Tons of powder, 1800 stand of good arms; on which important news I have the honor to congratulate you. My letter is dated the 3d Instant; the vessel arrived the day before.

I am with all due respect,

Gent your most obt servt,

Jno Langdon.

57 Tons Sal. Petre, 1st time.
60 Do. Do. 2 do.

117 equal to—say 150 Tons powder.
33 Tons before.
13 now.

196 Tons—no small qt with which to scare away that frightful Independence.

Portsmo, Feby 22d, 1776.

Gent—

I've just enroled near one hundred of men in the ship yard, have order'd every man to attend the muster at an appointed day with a good fire arm, powder and ball, some of which are already completely equipp'd; but as there is no powder to be had only what is in publick stores, would submit it to the consideration of the Honble Committee, whether it would not best to order that those men who are not supplied already be furnished by the publick, when occasion requires, or if tho't best for each to appear with one half pound powder in his horn, for which a receipt to be taken, and if its not Return'd or made use of against the enemy, to pay double of the value at this time, which I will stop out of their wages, which I think will effectually prevent wast, and put those who have no powder upon the same footing with those who have bro't their own amunition.

I think I may with safety, serve the Colony in this matter, and not the least interfere with the Continental business. Should be glad to have some answer from the Honble Committee relative to this matter, as I've order'd every man to be ready for muster^{s} at such a day, and should be glad to have every man furnished.

In case of failure they are to be Dismist the yard.

I am with great Respect,
Gen^{t} your most ob^{d} serv^{t},
J$^{N^{o}}$ LANGDON.

To the Hon^{l} Committee of Safety
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Letter to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III, p. 131.]

[NOTE. The letter which follows is contained in Amer. Archives, 4th ser., Vol. IV, p. 1184, under the head "Monsieur BEGOZZAT to New-Hampshire Committee of Safety," and is dated "St. Pierre, Martinico, February 14, 1776." The copy of the letter found as above, among our State Papers, is here transcribed *verbatim*, and, as may appear on comparison, differs in orthography and other respects from the printed copy in the *Amer. Arch*. ED.]

To the Honorable Committee of Safety for the Province of New Hampshire:

GENTLEMEN—

As I never considered the American affairs otherwise, but the indeavors of tyranny against the Liberty of Mankind; & looking upon the North America as the sacred Asyle contrived in this age by the Divine Providence against the Despotic power who filled the three parts of this world with Misery & Poverty, I think i am honoured by being imployed in serving so Noble a Cause, it is in these Principals Gentlemen I take the Liberty to write you by the opertunity of Capt. Robert Parker to offer my service to your Committee. Ye may be Certain that Nobody will serve your interest with so much zeal as I.

I gave Capt^{n} Robert Parker a very short Expidition. I intend every Day to send away Capt^{n} Peverly, these two vestles will carry away ten thousand of Gun Powder. I am loading Now two Vestles which I hope will depart very soon. We are expecting every Day a vestle Departed from old France with about twenty thousand of Gun Powder, & I am in hopes that what we will Receive from france this Month will amount to 60,000. I'll advise you Every month the Quantity expected. Warlike Provisions are not common as they ought to be, on the account they have Rumoured in Europe that the Affairs of America would be stlled this Winter. Some Vestles brings no Amunition, but by letters Departed the 20th of January last, Advising the war continuing this year in America, there will be Plenty in the Months of May & June. Amunitions are not the only Articles wanted by the Americans. Woolen & Linen Cloaths, Drugs, Rushia Ducks, twine, a great Quantity of goods at the most Necessary in Private use of life are wanting greatly, & ye may be provided of these Articles here. The Designe of this Letter is to desire that ye may send the Patterns of every thing wanting to ye here, & I'll send them to old France, & our Markets will be well Provided with them in four or five months time. I sent a Memorial to the French ministry concerning the trade we can settle with New England; but as your Articles we usually consume here, viz. fish, Lamp oil, Spermacity, Candles, Pork, beef, Staves, boards, Hoops, cannot amount to a great sum of money, I asked in my Memorial to ship from hence to old France, Potashes, *ba*ver, lamp oil in casks of 60 gals. well hooped to goe to old France: these Articles added to these that Martinico consume Will produce a sufficient sum of money to Maintain your exchange here.

In the Southern Colonies I Have asked that Virginy Tobaco of which we consume thirty or forty million pounds every year, be introduced to France by the way of Martinico. This article is very valuable & will pay here a great Quantity of goods wanting in America. Carolina Indigo will find likewise a great advantage in french trade. Ye may be certain Gentlemen that Continental Vestles will always find good Protection in our ports. you will se by the Report I send you of the frigate *Argus* wiling to visit a Continental Vestle Loading with gunpowder, any Continental Vestle coming here will be safe. If ye have any Particular a secret Demands to our Government send them to me. I do promise to return you a Positive Answer.

I think proper to advise you that the Sloop Molly, Capt. Conway master Loading with Flower, coming from Mery-land on the account he was Pursued by an English Man-of-war, not only obtained to anchor here, but to sell his Cargoe. Give your Vestles a letter for me, & I'll procure you all that they will want, or to be introduced, or to sell, or to Purchase their goods.

You may assure your Country men they Have good friends in this Country. We think that the sacred fire of Liberty stands no where else now but in the North America, & that the Brave people to whom the Divine Providence hath trusted it, will continue it alive for the Future Generation.

I am, Gentlemen,
your most humble,
Respectfull servant
BEYORRAL ? (1)

22 of February 1776. I send this by Capt. Peverly, we are expecting many vessels from old France, many of them have gun-powder. A vessel from Provence will have fifty thousand on board. Since eight days we have received about Ten Thousand.

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 136.]

Philadelphia, Feb^{y} 26th, 1776.

SIR—

The Enclosed order of Congress of the 23^{d} inst I am Directed to transmit to our Colony, and I make no doubt (if they have not already) they will speedily comply with the Recommendations.

The necessity of arms & ammunition for our Defence and the Danger of a Disappointment, shows the necessity of using our utmost efforts to be supplied as much as may be within ourselves. And tho' I can with pleasure inform you that large Quantities of Powder and salt petre have arrived here, and more is Dayly expected, yet as we have reason to believe that as soon as the spring opens, our harbors will be much infested with the British cruisers, who have orders to seize all American vessels, and as large Quantities of military stores will be wanted for sea, as well as land service, I humbly conceive it will be prudent to endeavor to supply ourselves with the necessaries of life & Defence within ourselves and leave as little to the uncertainty of winds, weather & Enemies as possible, at least for the present.

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(1) The editor is not sure that the name is correctly written; but he cannot make "Begozzat" of it.

You will please, sir, to see that the several orders of our Convention or assembly for manufacturing arms, gunpowder & saltpetre be transmitted to me, and an account of what has been done in consequence of such orders, as it is necessary the Congress should know as soon as may be, the true state of all the Colonies with regard to their supplying themselves with these necessary articles; And when our Assembly meets, you will please to lay these resolves before them, and, in the mean time, communicate them to the Council, or Committee of Safety, or whoever they have left to transact Business in their Recess.

I am your most obed^{t} servant,

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

To the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 134.]

Philadelphia, March 2^{d}, 1776.

SIR—

Yours of the 8th ult., pr Col. Whipple, I Rec^{d} the 28th, and am glad to be informed of the spirited behaviour of our Colony in raising a Regiment for Canada without waiting for the order of Congress.

The several matters relative to our Colony affairs, as soon as a determination is had I hope to be the bearer of them myself to you.

I am very sorry for the unhappy Difficulties in our Colony at a time when we have nothing to expect from our inveterate Enemies but war and Bloodshed, notwithstanding their hipocritical pretences of treating & Reconciliation to amuse us. I pray God we may not be taken in the snare.

I am your most
obed^{t} servant,

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

P. S. I should have written more largely, but the Post this minute is setting off. J. B.

The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq^{r}.

Letter from Hon. William Whipple.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 138.]

Philadelphia, March 2^{d}, 1776.

SIR—

I arriv'd here y^{e} 28th Ult^{o}, the Roads were so extreem bad it was impossible for me to get here sooner. The Papers which Capt. Long gave me sealed up & directed to the President, I delivered on my arrival; they were yesterday read in Congress & referr'd to a Committee. My Colleague talks of leaving in about a fortnight; by that time I hope shall be able to forward the determination of Congress on the Petition for a Battalion. If your delegates could have been furnish'd with an estimate of the Colonial expences they might have improved them to advantage; but you may be assur'd we shall do the best we can without them; but I beg the acc^t^ may be sent forward as soon as possible, or if the acc^t^ cannot be got ready let me be furnished with an estimate both of the Continental & Provincial charges.

I was much surprised to find there was no instructions among the Papers given me by Capt. Long—not a word about the Purchasing the Flour which was so much talked of when I was last with the Committee. If anything of that sort is to be done I sho'd be glad to be advised of it as soon as possible, for no doubt the Risque increases with the advancement of the season. The Congress have appointed six more Brigadier Generals, four for the Southern and two for the Middle Department. Its probable General Lee will have the command of the Southern Army. I have nothing new that I can communicate; when I have you may be assured I shall be very particular, & I hope shall hear from you often. All the Delegates except from New Hampshire are furnished weekly with all the transactions of their respective Colonies, & really wish to be on a footing with them in that respect.

I shall write to you again shortly. In the mean time give me leave to assure you that I am,

With greatest Respect,

your most ob^t^ & Faithful Serv^t^,

WM. WHIPPLE.

The Hon^ble^ Col^o^ Weare.

Letter from the Hon. John Langdon.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 144.]

To the Hon^ble^ the Speaker. and the Gentlemen of the Assembly for the Colony of New Hampshire:

GENT.—

I 've received advice of my having the Repeated honour of being appointed one of the Delegates for the Colony to the Continental Congress.

Nothing can give greater satisfaction than to have the approbation (of your Honourable House) of having done my duty as far as my poor abilities would admit of. I think myself under every tie of Honour and Gratitude to strain every Nerve in my Country's Cause at this important day, more especially when I Receive such Repeated honour from my Country.

When I shall have finished the business in which I have the honour to be immediately employed by the Continent, or have it in such forwardness to leave, shall, when my duty calls me, attend in my place, at the Gen^l^ Congress, where it will be my greatest Pride to serve (in any way that may be in my power) this COLONY in particular and the CONTINENT in general.

I lament that my abilities are not greater. All I can say is, I shall employ such as I have (to the utmost) in the service of my Country.

You 'll please, Sirs, to accept my hearty Thanks for the Honour done me; should have done myself the pleasure of waiting on the Hon^ble^ House in person, but my Publick Business, which calls for immediate attention, I hope will plead an Excuse.

I am with great Respect,

Gent. your most ob^t^ serv^t^,

JOHN LANGDON.

Portsmouth,
6 March, 1776.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

A JOURNALL of the Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire, begun & held at the Town House in Exeter, on Wednesday, the sixth day of March, Anno Domini 1776, by adjournment.

A *List of the Members of the House of Representatives* of the Colony of New Hampshire, Convened at Exeter, by adjournment, On Wednesday, the Sixth day of March, A Dom 1776.

Towns and Places sending Members.	Names of the Representatives.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Southampton, 3	Phillips White, Esq., Speaker,	8	16	£5: 4: 0
Exeter,	Noah Emery, Esq., Clerk,		16	4: 16: 0
	John Giddinge, Esq.,			
Portsmouth, 4	Samuel Cutts, Esq'r,	14	15	5: 4: 0
	Samuel Sherburne, Esq.,	14	15	5: 4: 0
	Capt. Pierce Long,	14	15	5: 4: 0
Londonderry, 2	John Bell,	22	16	5: 15: 4
	Moses Barnett,	22	6	2: 3: 4
Chester, 2	Stephen Morse,	20	15	5: 8: 8
	Robert Wilson, Esq.,	14	16	5: 10: 0
Hampton, 1	Josiah Moulton,	8	15	4: 18: 0
North Hampton, 1	Dr. Levi Dearborn,	6	15	4: 16: 0
Greenland, 1	Clement March, Esq'r,	10	4	1: 14: 0
Newington, 1	Richard Downing, Esq'r,	15	11	4: 1: 0
New Castle, 1	Henry Prescott, Esq'r,	17		
Rye,	Nathan Goss,	12	16	5: 8: 0
Stratham,	Benjamin Barker, Esq'r,	3	14	4: 7: 0
New Market,	Thomas Tash, Esq'r,	8	15	4: 18: 0
Kingston,	Samuel Philbrick, Esq'r,	4	16	5: 0: 0
Kensington,	Capt. Ezekiel Worthen,	7	15	4: 17: 0
Plaistow & Atkinson,	Samuel Kimball,	16	16	5: 13: 4
Hampstead,	John Calfe,	17	14	4: 15: 8
Salem,	Caleb Dustin,	20	13	4: 16: 8
Pelham,	James Gibson,	35	15	5: 13: 8
Candia,	Moses Baker,	22	2	0: 19: 4
Raymond & Poplin,	John Dudley, Esq.,	18	16	5: 14: 0
Brintwood,	Samuel Dudley, Esq'r,	5	16	5: 1: 0
Pembroke,	David Gilman, Esq'r,	30	13	5: 0: 0
Wyndham,	James Betton, Esq'r,	26	15	5: 9: 0
Concord,	Timothy Walker, Esq.,	40	14	5: 9: 4
Epping,	Nehemiah Wheeler,	8	15	4: 18: 0
Canterbury & Loudon,	Thomas Clough,	40	16	6: 1: 4
Deerfield & Northwood,	Jeremiah Eastman,	22	15	5: 9: 4
Bow & Dunbarton,	Capt. Caleb Page,	50		
Chichester, Epsom, & Allenstown,	John McClary, Esq.,	24	15	5: 10: 0
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett,	12	8	2: 16: 0
Dover,	Stephen Evans, Esq'r,	18	16	5: 14: 0
	Otis Baker, Esq'r,	18	8	3: 0: 0
Lee,	Capt. Hercules Mooney,	15	11	4: 1: 0
Durham,	John Smith, 3d,	12	15	5: 1: 9

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

Towns and Places sending Members.	Names of the Representatives.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Summersworth,	Ichabood Rollins, Esq'r,	21	12	£4: 11: 0
Rochester,	Dr. James Knowles,	25	15	5: 10: 4
Barrington,	Samuel Hayes,	21	16	5: 15: 0
Gilmanton & Barnstead,	Joseph Badger, Esq'r,	40	10	3: 19: 4
Sanbornton & Meredith,	Ebenezer Smith, Esq.,	52	10	4: 3: 4
Leavitts Town, Wakefield and Middleton,	Nathaniel Balch,	50	15	5: 18: 8
Moultonborough, Sandwich & Tamworth,	Daniel Beede, Esq'r,	68	9	4: 2: 2
New Durham, the Gore, & Wolfborough,				
Amherst,	Moses Nichols, Esq.,	40	16	6: 1: 4
	Dr. Nahum Baldwin,	40	16	6: 1: 4
Dunstable,	Jonathan Lovewell, Esq'r,	40	17	6: 7: 4
Hollis,	Stephen Ames,	44	16	6: 2: 8
Weare,	John Worth,	50	16	6: 4: 8
Hopkinton,	Stephen Harriman,	50	16	6: 4: 8
New Ipswich,	William Shattuck,	60	16	6: 8: 0
Mason & Raby,	Dr. Amos Dakin,	58	16	6: 7: 4
Litchfield and Nottingham West,	Asa Davis,	35	15	5: 13: 8
Merrimac & Bedford,	Matthew Patten, Esq.,	35	13	5: 1: 8
Derryfield and Goffstown,	Moses Kelley, Esq.,	35	15	5: 13: 8
Boscawen and Salisbury,	Henry Gerrish, Esq.,	50	8	3: 10: 8
Temple and Peterborough,	Samuel Moore,	65	9	4: 1: 8
Wilton, Lindsboro', Mile Strip, & Duxbury Farm,	Jacob Abbot,	50	16	6: 4: 8
Heneker, Deering, Hillsborough & Society Land,	Capt. Joseph Simonds,	65	2	1: 13: 8
New Briton, Warner, Perrystown & Fishersfield,				
Frances Town and New Boston,				
Winchester,				
Westmoreland,	Dr. Heber Millar,	96	5	3: 2: 0
Richmond,				
Claremont,				
Keen,	Timothy Ellis, Esq'r,	88	16	6: 17: 6
Walpole,	John Bellows, Esq.,	103		
Charlestown,	Mr. Elijah Grout,	114	15	7: 0: 0
Hinsdale & Chesterfield,	Archibald Robinson,	100	15	6: 15: 4
Dublin and Monadnock No. 5,	Eliphalet Stone,	78		
Marlow, Surrey, and Alstead,	Nath'l Sartel Prentice,	100	12	5: 11: 4
Packersf'd, Limerick, Cambden & Gilsum,		85		
Cornish, Plainfield, Protectworth & Grantham,	Moses Chase, Esq.,	130	15	7: 5: 4
Rindge, Jaffrey, & Peterboro Slip,				
Swanzey, and Fitzwilliam,				
Unity, Acworth, Lemster Savill,				
Croydon & Newport,				
New Chester, Plimouth, Cockerm'th & Alexandria,	Samuel Emerson, Esq.,	85	15	6: 10: 4
Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton,	Daniel Brainard, Esq.,	94	15	6: 13: 4
Lyme, Orford, Warren, Dorchester, Wentworth & Piermont,	Israel Morey, Esq.,	120		
Haverhill, Bath, Lyman, Gunthwait, Landaff, & Morriston,				

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

Towns and Places sending Members.	Names of the Representatives.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Lebanon, Hanover, Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan & Grafton,............ Apthorp, Lancaster, North Umberland, Stratford, Cockburn, Colburn, Conway, Sherburne, &c., &c.,	Capt. Abijah Learned,.........	190	16	£8: 11: 4

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Hon. Meshech Weare,
Matthew Thornton,
William Whipple,
Josiah Bartlett,
Nathaniel Folsom,
Thomas Westbrook Waldron,
Ebenezer Thompson,
Wyseman Claggett,
Jonathan Blanchard,
Samuel Ashley,
Benjamin Giles,
John Hurd, Esqrs.

[P. 54.] Wednesday, March 6th 1776, P. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Brintwood called Baptists, being Read,

Voted, That it lay for consideration.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday March 7th, 1776. Met.

Voted, To choose a Committee to make some Necessary additional Rules for the order of this house, and Jonathan Lovewell Esq. John Dudley Esq. Joseph Badger Esq. Dr. Levi Dearborn & John McClary Esqr be the Committee for that purpose.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of Derryfield concerning Propagation of Alewives in great Cohass brook &c, being read,

Voted That the Petitioners be heard thereon before this house on the 19th day of March current, if this house be then sitting, & if not, then on the second day of their next sitting afterwards, and that the Petitioners Notify John Goffe Esq. to Appear & shew cause if any he hath why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

Voted That the selectmen of Mason be cited to appear before this House on the 19th day of March current if this house be then sitting & if not then on the second day of their sitting afterwards, to Answer for their conduct in not returning the Precept sent to them by the late Congress, requiring them to send a member to represent the Towns of Mason & Raby in said Congress.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock afternoon.

P. M.

Voted That Deacon Amos Dakin have a seat as a member of this House untill the Matter of the choice be heard & Determined by this House.

Voted That the account of John Folsom charged against Andrew McClary for expenses &c. amounting to Twenty six Shillings be allow'd & paid out of the Treasury and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn.

Voted That the account of the Selectmen of Sandown for blanketts, amounting to nine pounds be allowed & paid out of the Treasury, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Mr. Philbrook.

Voted That Samuel Cutts, Esq. Jonathan Lovewell Esqr & John Dudley Esqr be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to confer together, and make report to this house, What Business is most necessary to be Entered upon Immediately. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Messrs. Thornton, Folsom and Blanchard, joined.]

[P. 55.] Which Committee made report as follows:

The Committee of both Houses appointed to report the business Necessary to be acted upon at this Session beg leave to Report as follows:—

That the Superiour Court be opened (as soon as may be) for punishing Criminals and Trespassers:—That the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace for the several Counties be in future opened and held as usual, Likewise the Inferior Courts for the Tryal of Trespassers only—That 500 men Including officers and those under the command of Capt. Salter & Daniels, be raised and be on the lines at Portsmouth by the first day of April next, and the Company of Artillery be Revived and to be Reckoned a part of said number, their wages to be the same as those in the Colony service the last year—That there be one Gentleman appointed to act as a General Officer to command all the Troops in case of an Alarm or Attack—That proper measures be taken to compleat the several minute Regiments—That no officer Inlist any man for the service of this Colony who hath not a

good fire arm—That Provision be made for the 500 men & such of the militia as may be called in—That the resolve giving & confirming to the several Constables & Collectors the same Power and authority for Collecting of Rates & Taxes they formerly held by Law, be printed in hand-bills and Distributed—That Proclamation be made of the Form of Civil Government lately established in this Colony. and the List of Civil officers, that all persons may conform accordingly—That in case of an alarm or attack, when the Council & Assembly, or Committee of Safety are not sitting, the General officer call in the Militia for the Defence of this Colony—That a Proclamation Issue for a General Fast.
Signed. Matthew Thornton, Chairman.

Which report being read & Consid'd, Voted that the same be receiv'd, accepted & established as a Resolve of this House.

Adjourned to half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday March 8th, 1776.

[P. 56.] A Petition of Leonard Whiting, Benja Whiting, Samuel Cummings & Thomas Cummings relative to their being summoned before the Committees of Safety of Hollis, Dunstable, Merrimac & Litchfield being read,

Voted and Ordered that the Petitioners he heard thereon on the twentieth day of March Instant, if this house be then sitting, &c.

Voted That Jonathan Lovewell Esqr, Joseph Badger Esqr, Dr. Levi Dearborn, Capt. Nathaniel Sartel Prentice & Mr. Elijah Grout be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to revise and correct the Table of Fees for the several officers of this Colony, and to make report to this House as soon as may be. [Concurred, and Messrs. Claggett, Giles and the Secy. joined.]

Voted, That Moses Nichols Esqr Col. Walker & Mr. Baldwin be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to confer together and make a Proclamation of the Publick officers appointed for this Colony, and of the opening of the Several Courts of Justice, and also for a Publick Fast throughout this Colony, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by John McClary, Esqr. [Concurred: Mr. Thornton and Claggett added.]

Adjourned to half past 8 to-morrow morning.

[P. 57.] Saturday, March 9th, 1776.

Voted, That Timothy Walker, David Gilman & Stephen Evans Esqrs be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Hear, Examine & adjust accounts and Demands against this Colony, by way of Petition or otherwise, & to make report thereon to this House. Sent up by Col. Walker.

Voted To choose a committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer, & consult about the Best method to secure the Powder Vessels expected soon on this Coast & to report thereon to this House as soon as may be, and that Capt. Long, Mr. Sherburne & Ichabod Rawlins, Esq^{r} be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred—Col. Wentworth, Col. Folsom & Mr. Blanchard added.]

Which Committee, being joined by a Committee from the Board, viz., The Committee appointed to Devise ways and means for the security of the expected Powder Vessels, beg leave to make the following Report:

> That it is adviseable to send a small vessell to all the Eastern Ports to give them intelligence that two of the Enemy's Privateers are hovering about our Harbour, which we have reason to apprehend are cruising after our Powder vessels now expected, and beg them to apprize the Captains thereof, if they should go into their Ports; Likewise that a Committee be appointed to Look out for a suitable vessel to fix as a Privateer to be employed to cruise after our Enemies, and to make an Estimate of the costs and make return of their doings as soon as may be. (Signed.) Nath^{l} Folsom, Chairman.

Voted to choose a Committee to look out for a proper vessel of warr to guard our Coast and make an estimate of the cost & expence of such vessell & to confer with the Captains of the Privateers now in Piscataqua Harbour about taking the armed vessells now hovering on this Coast, and also to Dispatch a small vessell (if they think necessary) to the Eastward to acquaint the People there of the said armed vessells, and make report as soon as may be, and that Mr. Cutts, Capt. Long & Mr. Sherburne be the Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock afternoon.

Monday, March 11th, 1776, P. M.

[p. 58.] Voted To choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer and consult about some method respecting opening the Civil Courts, and what Restrictions they shall be laid under: and Col^{o} David Gilman, Jonathan Lovewell, Esq^{r} and Matthew Patten Esq^{r}

be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by Col^{o} Gilman.

Voted To choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee from the Hon^{ble} Board, to write an answer to General Washington's Letter and desire him to return the Powder lent him, and that Capt. Long & Col^{o} Badger be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by James Betton, Esq.

Voted to raise a Regiment consisting of seven hundred & Twenty-five men, Including officers to be raised in any part of the Colony Excepting from the Towns of Portsmouth, Rye, North Hampton, Hampton, Greenland, Newington and Stratham, to be on the Lines at Piscataqua as soon as possible—Also to raise one Company of Artillery consisting of Forty-two men Exclusive of officers to be on the lines imediatly, and to continue in the service untill the Last of December next unless sooner discharged, and that their pay be the same as the Provincials had the year past.

Voted to raise three Companies consisting of one hundred men Each (Including officers) out of each of the following Regiments, viz. Portsmouth, Dover, & Hampton, to be on the lines at Portsmouth Immediately with arms & ammunition compleat, and there to continue till further orders, their pay to commence at the time of their marching, and to be [the] same as the Provincials had the year past, and that Col^{o} Stephen Evens be Colonel of said Regiment, Lieutenant Col^{o} Joshua Wentworth be Lieutenant Colonel, and Major Enoch Page be Major of s^{d} Regiment. Sent up by Major Barker. Adjourned.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1776.

Voted That Mr. John Smith be and hereby is appointed to join with Doct^{r} Nichols and Mr. Baldwin (in the room of Col^{o} Walker) as a Comittee to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer together to make a form of a Proclamation for a Publick Fast thoughout this Colony;—Also a Proclamation of the Public officers appointed for this Colony. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

[P. 59.] The Council sent down the following Vote of Council from the Board, viz.

In Council, March 12th, 1776.

Voted, That a Regiment of men consisting of three hundred, be raised with all speed to be stationed at or near Portsmouth and to be continued in the service (unless sooner Discharged) until the last Day

of December next: The Persons appointed to Enlist the men to be so chosen as that the men may be as equally Taken as Possible out of the Towns in the Counties of Rockingham, Strafford and Hillsborough, to be paid the same wages as the officers and soldiers in this Colony service received last year:—Also that a Field Artillery Company at Portsmouth (of the same Number as that which serv'd last Fall) be rais'd Imediately.—That Lieut. Col. Wentworth, Col° Evens, Col° Moulton, and Col° Gilman be directed to Warn all the Militia under their command to Hold themselves in Readiness to March at a Minutes warning properly Equipt, and with five days Provision, which Militia, in case of their going into actual service, are to be paid as other Troops.—That Sentrys be fixed at New Castle & Hampton, who, on appearance of the Enemies Fleet are to give the Speediest Notice.—Also that persons be agreed with to hold themselves in readiness, on order from proper authority to Notify General Washington, & alarm the Country in case of the Enemy's appearance. Likewise that an Express be sent off to Cambridge to gain Intelligence of Gen^l Howe's movements, and request a restoration of the Powder lent General Washington.

Sent down for Concurrence.

E. Thompson, Sec^y.

In the House of Representatives, March 12th, 1776.

The above Vote of Council being read, Voted that the same be and hereby is Concurred.

P. White, Speaker.

Entered according to the original.

Pr. N. Emery Cl. D. Rep.

Orders from General Washington, relative to Dorchester heights.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 170.]

Cambridge, 9th March, 1776.

Sir—

I have it in command from his Excell^y General Washington to inform you that in consequence of his determination to possess himself of the heights at Dorchester, a Cannonade and Bombardment was begun on Saturday night last on the town of Boston & continued on Sunday night & on Monday night a vast number of shot & shells were thrown into that town, under the cover of which the intended purpose was effected; on the enemy perceiving next morning that we had taken post, they were all hurry & bustle, embarking their troops as was expected & wish'd for to attack us; but the violent storm which came on that day prevented them, & disappointed us, who were prepared to give them a warm reception.

The possession of these heights are preparatory to our forming a Fort upon Nooks hill which commands the South of Boston, & to which their shipping will be much exposed; this they seem to be well aware of and are now making every preparation for moving off.

Captain Irwin of Salem escaped from town the night before last, assures us that this is their intention; it is corroborated by a message from the selectmen in that town to his Excellency, a copy of which you have inclosed.

These informations will not prevent the General from proceeding in his advances to the town; so that if they do not move off he is determined to force them to a battle by making that town so hot that they will have but little rest therein.

His Excellency has good reason to imagine that New York will be the place of their destination; but lest that should not be the case it behooves every place where a Fleet can lie to be upon their guard; the General therefore recommends the utmost vigilance may be observed by the good people of your Province, & if they should make an attempt to land therein he doubts not every opposition will be given thereto & an Express sent off immediately that he may come or send to your assistance. I have the honour to be

Sir, your most obed^t serv^t,
STEPHEN MOYLAN,
Adj.

To the President of the Assembly
of the Province of New Hampshire.

Testimonial relative to Gen. Howe leaving Boston.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 162.]

As his Excellency General Howe is determined to leave the Town with the Troops under his command, a number of the respectable Inhabitants being very anxious for its preservation and safety have applyed to General Robertson for this purpose, who at their request has communicated the same to his Excellency General Howe, who has assured him that he has no intention of destroying the Town unless the Troops under his command are molested during their Embarkation or at their departure by the armed force without; which declaration he gave Gen^l Robertson leave to communicate to the Inhabitants. If such an opposition should take place we have the greatest reason to expect the Town will be exposed to intire Destruction. As our fears are quieted with regard to Gen^l Howe's intentions, we beg we may have some assurances that so dreadfull a calamity may not be brought on by any measures without. As a Testimony of the truth of the above, we have signed our names to this Paper carried out by Messrs. Thomas & Jonathan Amory & Peter Johonnot, who have at the earnest Intreaties of the Inhabitants through the Lt. Governor solicited a Flag of Truce for this purpose.

JOHN SCOLLAY
TIMOTHY NEWELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
SAMUEL AUSTIN.

Boston, March 8^th, 1776.

Voted that Col^o Walker, Mr. Cutts, Capt^t Worthen, Deacon Knowles, Capt. Harriman, Dr. Nichols, Col^o Badger & Major

Tash be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult about officering & Commissioning the Regiment now to be raised, & make report to this House as soon as may be. Sent up by Dea. Knowles.

[P. 607.] Upon reading a Petition of the Majority of the North Company of Newmarket for removing Lieut. Col^{o} Folsom from his office, &c.

Voted That the Petitioners be heard thereon tomorrow afternoon before this House, and that the Petitioners at their own cost serve the said Lieut. Col. Jeremiah Folsom with a copy of the Petition & order thereon, that he may appear to shew cause if any he have why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Upon reading the petition of the Inhabitants of New Market praying that Lieut. Coll. Folsom may be dismis^{t} from his office, &c.

Voted That the Petitioners be heard thereon tomorrow at three o'clock afternoon before this house, and that the Petitioners at their own cost serve the said Lieut. Col^{o} Jeremiah Folsom with a copy of the Petition & order thereon, That he may appear & shew cause if any he have why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

Voted To choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer together on the expediency of sending a Comittee to Coos to examin about the Troops raised for Canada &c. and that Col^{o} Badger, Capt. Long, Dr. Dearborn & Dr. Nichols be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col^{o} Badger. [Concurred, and Messrs. Folsom, Hurd and Thompson added.]

Letter from Col. Israel Morey to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 164.]

Orford, March 7th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

I am to inform you that many difficulties has arisen since I left you about raising this Regiment of Colonel Bedels, too many to mention at present. I shall only say that many independent Companys have Inlisted which has occasion'd the long delay of the Comp^{ys} both here & Col^{o} Waits party; some Recruiting officers from Col^{o} Warner's party has inlisted a considerable number of fine men; they had the money to pay down—Forty Shillings Bounty only for about Three months service, which was much easier than to get men for one year. I am also to inform you that Capt. Town that told you & Colonel Bedel that he had his men all ready has wholly Failed & taken Sixteen pounds, that is two months advance pay to himself, as the Hon° Jonathan Blanchard will inform you, & a great difficulty on account of Gunns which I have been obliged to buy many and must more or they will be obliged to go without, which I should think would by no means do, although ther was som few gunns there Last Fall, by what I can learn they will be taken up before our men can get to Canada. There is a Regiment of Canadians Raising in Canada. I find with the money I can buy about one hundred very good Gunns, which will cost nigh a Thousand Dollrs. I have likewise to inform you that I have purtchased by Colonel Bedel's order about £70 worth of Medicines for the Regimt. I have likewise a Bill of Doctor Cranes for medicine that Docr Barker had of Colonel Bedels Regiment last year, about £20, to pay all which I shall lay before you & as soon as may be. I am ordered to provide Two horses and a Slay to carry the Medicines to Canada. I am further to Inform you that its impossible ever to march the Company without some advance pay, cloathing &c. I wish, Gentlemen, I was master of words sufficient to describe the want of ye men to fix themselves for a long & tedious march & to Leave a small matter for the support of their families while absent. I fully expect I shall want about Two Thousd Dollrs more before the Regiment can be compleated for Guns &c. Lieuts. Grant and Thurber march't off last week with a party of 44 belonging to Capt. Grant Everitt's Company; about Forty more marches to-morrow & about as many more soon. None yet from Capt. Osgood's Company; all this way to march next week. I shall be obliged to send down for more money before the whole can compleat their march, unless you think to send me a sum of money by some safe hand. I can assure you that no man has as yet wanted one hour for any Business on my part, & I am fully determined they shall not. I have ben carefull to keep every thing on my part Ready, nothing shall be wanting that is in my power to provide; all the guns that was bought I have got them appraised & what Gunns that I have Purtchased by them that are good judges of Guns & money answers all things. If that be wanting the Voyage of consequence must fail.

I am, Gentlemen, your most huml servt,

ISRAEL MOREY.

P. S. Since I began the Letter Col° Bedel came to Orford and has wrote you on the affair &c. Major James Richardson or Col° William Simpson will weight upon you with this Express & weight your orders. You will please to take notice that the Footing of Doctr Cranes Bill of

medicines last year, is	£19:	2:	1
This year	63:	15:	8
Doctr Aubury's Bill for medicine,	8:	10:	
A case of Capital Instruments will cost 50 Dollars at Hanover,	15:	0:	
Docr Barker's account	14:	8:	6
Slay & two Horses at about	24:		
	£144:	16:	3
Cash taken by Capt. Town	16:		
100 Guns will cost about	300:		
To be advanced to Col° Bedel	300:		
	760:	16:	3

You will observe that I have not had any money advanced on account of the above. You will likewise Remember that the Committee of Safety are impowered to do what is needfull on account of Forwarding this Regiment; and further be glad of your opinion of Doc^r^ Crane's Bill &c. As I am not a judge of these affairs.

J. Morey.

The Hon^ble^ Meshech Weare, Esq^r^
Chairman of y^e^ Comm^te^ of Safety.

Letter from Col. Timothy Bedel to Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 166-7.]

Orford, 8th March, 1776.

Gentlemen—

I have mustered my Men, but don't hear of Capt. Osgood's; part of 3 companies are marched and the Recruiting Officers with what Money was advanced them cannot well make out unless they can be provided with some on account. I have also been at a great expence on account of the Indians who have been very sick; two of them are dead and sent to Dartmouth College to be Buried and the rest marched off yesterday in good spirits. If you could advance me 300 pounds I believe it might be sufficient for to help the officers and the expence of the Indians which runs high and not yet paid; also am obliged to Purchase Medicines which are very Dear, also horses to carry the same and Baggage which takes of Money very fast. I shall proceed to Quebec as fast as possibly I can send off my men. The proposal made by you to the Indians in regard to making them a present was forgot, if it could be sent should be glad. I shall be waiting the Return of the express at Orford, where I shall march from, should be glad it might be directed for me there. You will also receive the opinion of Colo. Morey at this time in regard to the advancement desired.

Gentlemen, I am gratefully obliged to you for all former favours and shall study to merit the continuance of them all in my power.

I am, Gentlemen, with the utmost Regard and Esteem your most
Obd^t^ h'ble Serv^t^
Timo. Bedel.

P. S. There must also be Purchased 100 Fire locks at the least, otherwise the men can't go.

Voted, That the following Instructions be given to Col^o^ Gerrish, viz.

To Col^o^ Henry Gerrish—

[p. 61.] You are desired to proceed to Orford & Deliver letters you are entrusted with to Col^o^ Morey and Beede, to Enquire into the reason of the long delay of Col. Beedels regement from marching and endeavour to collect the sense of the People through that part of the Country as well as those Imediately concerned in fitting them off, what has occasioned the Delay. Also to find what number of men is Inlisted, what Number marched, and what Number soon to march, with the

Names of the officers commanding the Party's marched & the Companys they belong to, and make return of your doings as soon as may be to this Court or Committee of Safety, if the Court should not be setting.

These Instructions were Voted March 12th 1776.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Letter to Col. Bedel.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. III. p. 176.]

SIR—

We received your letter dated at Orford the 8th inst and as the Court was sitting took the contents under consideration, and are very sorry the Enlisting and marching of the men are so much slower than we were made to expect. As to the expences of the Indians we are told General Washington undertook and settled with you about that matter. Any particular Colony's making any considerable present to them, we think needless, as the Continental Congress have appointed Commissioners to transact those affairs; and what is given by them we must pay our proportion of. As your regiment this year is Raised for the Continental service, and Imediately under their direction, we can't think it necessary to carry any thing with you for stores more than will last you to Canada, as we are well assured by the Continental Congress, every Requisite will be sent there to supply the army, & are inform'd they are all gone forward some time past; the wages are to be paid off there monthly, which we trust will supply the officers & soldiers necessities. We expect you will march as soon as possible, to take care of the men gone forward and we wish you all the Prosperity and success the noble cause you are engaged in can merit.

(Copy) ——— ——— ———

Indorsed—" Copy of a letter to Col.
Bedel, March 13, 1776."

Wednesday, March 13th 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of Twelve members of this House to join a Committee of the Honble Board to confer about officering the Regiment now to be raised & Commissioned for the Defence of this Colony, and that Dr. Dearborn, Majr Tash, Mr. Sherburne, Colo Gilman, James Betton, Esqr John Dudley Esqr Colo Evens, Deacon Knowles, Colo Badger, Dr. Nichols, Matthew Patten Esqr and Deacon Amos Dakin be the Committee of this House for that Purpose, and are to Nominate to this House Three persons for Chief Colonel, out of which one to be appointed, and also to make report to this house as soon as may be.

Voted, That Capt. Nathaniel Sartel Prentice forthwith repair to Cambridge and carry the Letter now prepared to General Washington, and request of him to return the Powder lent by this Colony for the Continental Army. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to General Washington.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 174.]

Colony of New Hamps, Exeter, 12th March, 1776.

SIR—

We are favor'd with your Excellency's advices by Mr. Moylan's Letter of the 9th Instant, and acknowledge ourselves extremely oblig'd by this early Intilligence of your spirited & interesting operations against the town of Boston, to wch we heartily wish the utmost success you can possibly expect. We would also gratefully acknowledge the goodness of your Intentions, that upon the first discovery and notice given, that any of the Troops from Boston on leaving that place might appear on the Coast to attempt a Landing, you wou'd come or send immediately to our assistance. Our Assembly have very readily determin'd upon the most effectual measures in our power, for the Defence of the Sea-Coast, and in particular Piscataqua Harbour. But we must beg leave to remind your Excellency of a matter of the utmost consequence to us:—Our Magazine of Powder being very low, not exceeding twelve Barrels, we are under the necessity of asking ye Return of the Supply of Powder made by this Colony last Summer for the Continental Service, and that you wou'd please to order us the like quantity, or what can possibly be spared for our use. The Supplys we have sent for to the West Indies &c. and been some time expecting, are not yet arrived.

In behalf of the Council & Assembly,
I am, very respectfully, your Excellency's
most humble servant,
MESHECH WEARE,
President of the Council.

To his Excellency General Washington.

Letter from General Washington to Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 182]

Cambridge, March 14, 1776.

SIR—

Your favour of the 12 Instant, I just now received and beg leave to assure you that the approbation which your Honorable Council are pleased to express of my conduct respecting the operations against the town of Boston, affords me the highest Satisfaction.

I am exceedingly sorry that it is not in my power at this time to comply with your requisition for powder, and to make a return of what was generously lent for the Continental use; the low state of stock of that article will not allow me to spare the smallest quantity, But hoping that I may get a further supply before long to enable me to do it. I shall be much obliged if you will favour me with an account of what you furnished, that it may be repaid as soon as circumstances will admit of it.

I am, sir,
With much respect
yr most H'ble servt
Go. WASHINGTON.

Letter from Capt. Titus Salter.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 186.]

Fort Washington, March 14th, 1776.

GENT.

Agreeable to your Instructions I have posted a Guard on Fort point at New Castle with orders frequently to go up to the top of the Light House and Diligently to observe if any ships appear sailing towards this port, and on Discovery of the same to make me acquainted that I may transmit it without loss of time to your Honours or the General. I have previous to your Instructions consulted with Capt. Eliphalet Daniels and agreed with each other the proper signalls in case of the approach of the enemy; and on the same acc't each Fort have erected a Flag Staff and proper signalls to be given which will alarm both Town & Country in case of any surprise. But shall, Gent., send you up the speediest dispatch should any enemy appear. Our signalls for an alarm will first be by Fireing a Four pounder from Capt. Daniels Fort towards the town and then to be answered by me.

I am, with every Degree of Respect, Gent.
your most H'ble servt,
TITUS SALTER.

The Honble Council & House
of Representatives, at Exeter.

Letter from Gen. John Sullivan.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III, p. 184.]

Winter Hill, March 14th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

I Inclose you a List of the Regiment under Colo Waldron with the arrangement of the officers, & desire you to forward the Commissions as soon as possible. I have the satisfaction to Inform you that Colo Waldron's was the first compleat Regiment on the Spot, is by far the largest & best that came from either Colony; his Excellency consented to keeping the nine companies rather than break them. They are allowed by all who do duty with them to be excellent officers, and soldiers always willing to do their duty with the utmost cheerfulness; they are quiet, peaceable and obedt, and though much fault was found with my proceedings in selecting the officers, I must now take the liberty of boasting of my judgment in the choice & can call the whole Brigade to witness in my favour. I hope gentlemen the cruel and ungenerous Reflections upon my conduct thrown out by some persons among you did not proceed from that envious disposition which too often proves the destruction of an Infant state strugling for freedom. I sincerely wish that those zealots who thought I had taken too much upon myself, had exerted themselves to fill up the Canada Regiment with as many good men as I have got in this, & not have left us to lament the want of assistance to our distressed friends in Canada, and to view with concern a Regiment not half compleated which ought to have marched three weeks ago. I am now ordered to march for New York in a few days; those persons will then have no more fear of the destruction of their Liberties from a person who has spent more money, undergone more Fatigue and oftener Risqued his life than any other person in your Province, & all this to secure that freedom which these Gentlemen would perswade the world I am endeavouring to destroy. Gentlemen, I wish your Colony all possible happiness & would do every thing in the power of man to secure its Freedom & even feel a Disposition to serve those few Inveterate foes of mine that yet remain among you & convince them that no person would do more in the cause of Freedom than your most obed^{t} serv^{t}

J$^{N^o}$ SULLIVAN.

Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety.

Officers in Col. John Waldron's Regiment.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 142.]

Colonel, JOHN WALDRON.

Lt. Colonel, Alpheus Chesley. Major, Peter Coffin.

CAPTAINS.

John Allen,
John Drew,
Richard Sinclair,
Simon Marston,
John Layn,
Ezekiel Goodale,
James Sinclair,
Benj^{a} Fulsome.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

Benj^{a} Stone,
Paul Nute,
Robert Perley,
Ezekiel Belknap,
Peter Sanborn,
John Gile,
Joseph Cutten ?
Will^{m} Harpun,
Joshua Woodman.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

Jonathan Gage,
Timothy Roberts,
Paul Harford,
Stephen Bartlett,
Zebulon Edgerly,
James Cockrain,
George Waldron,
Moses Bannard,
Nicholas Medar.

ENSIGNS.

Tho^{s} Spofford,
Dodivah Garland,
Porter Gilman,
James Robinson,
Josiah Moody,
John Nealy,
Thaddius Mason,
Stephen Tufts,
Abraham Andross.

Chaplain, ——— ———
Adjutant, George Waldron.
Surgeon, Sam^{l} Wiggleworth.
Surgeons Mate, Francis Hodgkins.
Quarter Master, Will^{m} Horn.
Sarjeant major, Simon Torr.

A Return of the Field and other officers in the Reg^{t} commanded by

Col° John Waldron Stationed at Temple's farm in Brigadier Gen^l Sullivan's Brigade in the Continental Army. (1)
March 6^th 1776.
Pr order of y^e Col°.
George Waldron, Adjutant.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to join a Committee from the Hon^ble Board to conferr upon the Expediency of making Copper Coin, and make report to this House, and that Capt. Pierce Long, Jonathan Lovewell, Esq^r & Deacon Nahum Baldwin be Committee for the above mentioned purpose. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin. [Concurred—Messrs. Claggett and Giles added.]

The Committee of both Houses appointed to confer upon the Expediency of making Copper Coin made report as follows, viz.

That they find it Expedient to make Copper Coin for the benefit of small change, and as the Continental & other bills are so Large, That William Moulton be Impowered to make so many as may amount to one hundred pounds weight, subject when made to the Inspection & Direction of the General Assembly, before circulation—Also we recommend that one hundred and eight of said Coppers be equal to one Spanish mill'd Dollar, That the said coin be of Pure Copper and equal in weight to English half-pence, and bear such Device thereon as the General Assembly may approve.

Wyseman Claggett, Chairman.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock.

P. M.

Voted That Col° March, Major Downing, and Mr. Speaker have leave to go home.

Adj^d till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday. March 14^th, 1776.

Voted, That the following Persons be appointed to their respective offices in the Regiment now to be raised for the Defence of this Colony, viz. David Gilman Esq^r Colonel, Hercules Mooney Esq^r Major, Nathan Brown of Poplin, John Calfe of Hampstead, Caleb Hodgsdon of Dover, and Timothy Clements of Hopkinton, Captains: William Cooper of Southampton, James Aiken of Londonderry, Abraham Perkins of Sanbornton & Nathaniel Fifield of Weare, Lieutenants. Ebenezer Perry of Wilton, Meshech Bell of New Castle, Thomas Gordon of Raymond and William Stillson

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(1) Compare Potter's Mil. Hist. Adj. Gen. Report, 1866, Vol. II. p. 364.—Ed.

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of Summersworth, Ensigns. [Concurred, with the exception that Tobias Leighton be an Ensign in the room of William Stillson, which was approved by the House.]

Voted, That Col° Henry Gerrish be and hereby is appointed to repair to Orford and Deliver the Letters prepared by this Court to Col° Beedle & Col° Morey and to return back and make report to this House or to the Committee of Safety as soon as may be, agreeable to Instructions to be given by the Council & house of Representatives; also,

[P. 63.] Voted That Col° Walker, Mr. Lovewell & Mr. Brainard be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to prepare Instructions for said Gerrish, & lay the same before this house as soon as may be. Sent up by John McClary Esq.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to confer upon the Expediency of joining with the Massachusetts Colony in granting a Bounty unto the Privateers belonging to this & the Mass. Colony, that may take any of our Enemies Ships of Warr upon this coast and that Capt. Long, Mr. John Bell and Major Tash be a Committee for the above mentioned purpose and make report to this house.

Voted, That Mr. Cutts, Col° Evens & Capt. Long be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to confer on the Expediency of Commissioning the officers of an Independent Company at Portsmouth, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be.

Voted, That Sam^l^ Dudley Esq^r^ James Betton Esq^r^ Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Knowles & Maj^r^ Mooney be a Com^tee^ of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board to hear the matters of accusation laid against Joseph Kimball Esq^r^ & William Kimball by the Committee of Safety of Henneker, and to make report to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Doct^r^ Nichols, [Concurred—Mr. Clagett, Mr. Giles & Mr. Hurd added. The aforenamed "persons suspected of being enemies to American liberty."]

[P. 64.] The Committee of both Houses appointed to hear the matters of Accusation laid against Joseph Kimball Esq^r^ & William Kimball by the Committee of Safety of Henneker, made report as follows, viz.

That the Complaint so far as it relates to Joseph Kimball be Dismist and that William Kimball be cited to appear and answer.

(Signed) Wyseman Clagett, Chairman.

Which Report being read,

Voted That the same be receiv'd & filed.

Voted, That the Form of a Proclamation for a Publick Fast throughout this Colony, now read in the House, be forthwith Printed and Dispersed throughout this Colony.(1)

[P. 65.] Voted, That Mr. Lovewell, Capt. Moulton, David Gilman Esq^r John Dudley Esq^r and James Betton Esq^r be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^ble Board to Examin into the Matters of Dispute between Col^o Sam^l Hobart Paymaster of the Troops of this Colony, and Col^o John Stark & others, and to make report to this house as soon as may be.(2) Sent up by Capt. Wilson.

Upon reading the Petitions of a number of the Inhabitants of Newmarket against Lt. Coll^o Jeremiah Folsom (Before the Council & House) and the Parties being heard thereon, The house adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Saturday, March 16^th, 1776.

The house resumed the Consideration of the Petitions of the Inhabitants of Newmarket against Lieut. Col^o Folsom & after Conference on the same

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the hon^ble Board to advise with the said Lieut. Col^o Folsom and the Petitioners, and to propose to this house a method of reconciliation between the Petitioners & said Folsom; and that Jonathan Lovewell Esq^r, Matthew Patten Esq^r & Capt. Josiah Moulton be a Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred. Messrs. Thornton, Wentworth & Giles added.]

Voted, That the officers and soldiers of the regiment now to be raised for the Defence of this Colony, upon their being mustered receive Each one month's advance wages, and that there be a muster-master & paymaster appointed in each county where they are to be raised, to take the money out of the Treasury and pay them,—and that Nicholas Gilman Esq^r (receiver General) for the County of Rockingham, Deacon Nahum Baldwin for the County of Hillsborough, and Col^o Otis Baker for the County of Strafford be muster-masters and paymasters to the said Regiment; and that Capt. Peirce

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(1) This Proclamation has not been found.—ED.

(2) See *ante*—p. 57.

Long, Capt. Josiah Moulton & Col^{o} Timothy Walker be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Commission & fit out said Regiment. Sent up by Capt. Wilson. [Concurred, & Col^{o} Folsom & Mr. Clagett added.]

[P. 66.] Sundry Petitions of the officers and soldiers of the Sixth Regiment in this Colony against their Field officers, being read, Voted that the said Field officers be cited to appear before this house, on the Second Tuesday of the Next Session of this house that they may shew cause if any they have why the prayer of the said Petitions may not be granted.

Voted To choose a Committee to conferr with a Committee from the Hon^{ble} Board respecting the Expediency of Purchasing a Quantity of firewood for the use of the Fortresses at Piscataqua Harbour & make report thereon, and that John Dudley, Jonathan Lovewell & Samuel Cutts Esq^{r} be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by Maj^{r} Barker.

Voted That James M^{c}Cluer be appointed Adjutant of the Regiment now to be raised for the Defence of this Colony.

Voted, That George Gains Esq^{r} Quarter master of our Troops be Directed to Purchase one hundred Cords of Fire-Wood for the use of the Troops at Piscataqua, and that he receive out of the Treasury for that end Fifty pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the President of the Council give order on the Treasurer for payment thereof. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred—Col^{o} Folsom & Mr. Clagett added.]

Adjourned to meet Monday at 3 o'clock P. M.

Monday, March 18th, 1776.

An Act for the relief of Idiots and Distracted persons having been read a third time,

Voted That it pass to be Enacted. Sent up by Capt. Long.

[P. 67.] Voted That the officers & soldiers of the Regiment now to be raised for the Defence of this Colony, have the same wages as the Troops Employ'd in this Colony the last year had, and also two dollars to each non-commissioned officer & soldier for finding themselves a Blanket. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred.] Adjourned.

Tuesday March 19th, 1776.

Voted, That Noah Emery Junr be and hereby is appointed forthwith to repair to the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, and request of the Honble Benjamin Greenleaf Esqr at Newbury Port, the Honble Timothy Pickering Esqr at Salem, or any other Gentleman furnished therewith, to Favour this Colony with copies of the Acts of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay lately made relative to the seizing & condemning Vessells infesting our Sea-Coasts; also Copies of the Commissions given to Judges and Registers of the Admiralty.

Voted, That a Committee of Five members of this House be chosen to join a Committee of the Honble Board to confer together about the Bounty & Price of Salt-Petre, and all other matters relating thereto, and make report to this house as soon as may be; and that Mr. Cutts, Mr. Lovewell, Capt. Prentice, Deacon Knowles & Mr. Emerson be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred—Genl Folsom, Colo Hurd & Secy joined.]

Which Committee being joined by the Committee of the Honble Board made report,

That three shillings & six pence per pound be the stated price of Salt-Petre, and that the bountys heretofore promised be paid in addition thereto: These Regulations to continue no longer than the time limited for the Bounty. That a Committee be appointed, well skill'd in Chymistry to receive all Genuine Salt-Petre and give the owner a Certificate of such reception Directed to the Treasurer of this Colony, who shall be Directed to pay for the same agreeable to the above Price and Bountys—That a Committee be appointed to get a Powder Mill erected on the best Terms they can, and as soon as Possible, within the limits of the Town of Exeter.

(Signed) Nathl Folsom, Chairman.

Which report being read,

Voted, That the same be receiv'd & filed, and

Voted, That Doct. Josiah Gilman of this Town be and is hereby appointed to receive, Examin & Store what Salt-Petre may be bro't in and his Certificate shall Impower the receiver General to pay therefor agreeable to the resolve of the General Assembly.

[P. 68.] Voted, That Capt. Harriman, Majr Kelley & Capt. Moore be a Committee to join a Committee of the Honble Board to Examine into the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of Derryfield concerning Preserving Alewives in Great Cohas Brook, and to prepare an Act or Resolve of this House concerning the same, and make Report to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Dr. Nichols. [Concurred—Col° Hurd, Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Giles added.]

Letter from Col. John Goffe, relating to Fish.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. III. p. 190.]

Colony of New Hampshire. } To the Honᵇˡᵉ the Council and house of Representatives for said Colony.

I heartily thank your Honours that whereas I am owner of mills on Great Cohass Brook in Derryfield you was so good as to Notify me that there was to be a hearing upon a Petition signed by the biggest part of the Inhabitants of said town to open a way for the Elwives to pass up to the pond on the head of said Brook to Leave their species, by which means I apprehend that sort of Fish would Increase abundantly, for I believe for near twenty years there was not a fish went up and I thought they had left the Brook intirely, but upon a Sabbath day two years ago, Great numbers appear'd in the Brook, when though on the Sabbath, I ordered my Dam to be pull'd down sufficient to let the fish go up freely, and they that owned the mills above being immediately notified opened, and last year they Increased abundantly; and had not people have fished in spite of all I could say to them, they might have pass'd up; but fish they would, and beat back many into Merrimack, when I nor none of my Family caught any. Upon the whole I count what is asked in the petition in the main would be of publick service; but I think if all fishing were prohibited for at least one year it would be a means of Great Increase, for it is a free passage that encourages them. I pray that if the Honᵇˡᵉ Court should make a Law to Regulate said Fishery, that instead of immediately clearing away all Incumbrances, it may be said, that as soon as the fish appear in the mouth of the Brook that a free passage immediately be made through all the Dams on said Brook; but I think if the Dams were pulled down the Damage would be greater to the publick than the fish would be Benefit as there can be no grinding.

I am with the greatest Regard your Honours
Humble Servant
JOHN GOFFE.

Derryfield, March yᵉ 16ᵗʰ, 1776.

The Petition of Doctʳ Hall Jackson being read and considered, Voted, That Dr. Moses Nichols, Dr. Levi Dearborn & Col° David Gilman be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honᵇˡᵉ Board to examine into the subject matter of the Petition and make report thereon to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Dr. Nichols. [Concurred—Messrs. Giles, Clagett & Blanchard joined.]

Memorial and Petition of Doct. Hall Jackson.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 206.]

To the Hon^{ble} President, Council & Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire, at Exeter convened:

The Memorial and Petition of Hall Jackson of Portsmouth, surgeon, humbly sheweth:

That after the Battle of Bunker's Hill he was perswaded by the Committee at Portsmouth and others to give his assistance to the wounded Troops of this Colony with a full assurance that he should be faithfully and honorably paid therefor: That he was afterwards prevailed upon by the united requests of the officers to tarry at Head Quarters during the Campaign: That in consequence of a Petition to the late Congress of this Colony, they granted him fifteen pounds pr month for six weeks of the time only; and that he might obtain some compensation from the Continental Congress for the remaining part of his services; they also gave him a Commission to be Surgeon General of the Troops raised by this Colony for the defence of America.

Being disappointed in his expectations from the Continental Congress, and hearing that an attack was expected at Piscatiqua he return'd home: That in a few days after his return, the Troops raised for the defence of the Colony came down and General Sullivan also arrived. The Enemy being hourly expected, and no surgeon appointed, and no apparatus prepared in case any number should be wounded, notwithstanding there was then more than 800 Troops raised. That he received an order from General Sullivan to take the Medical charge of said Troops, and accordingly prepared every article necessary in case of an attack. That he never entertained the least suspicion but that General Sullivan's authority was undeniable: That in ten Days after your Petitioners appointment Col. Wingate returned your Petitioner to the Congress as Surgeon to the said Troops: That your Petitioner also returned to the said Congress lists of all the sick, by him attested as Surgeon of the said Troops, and that as all your Petitioners orders and Certificates as Surgeon of the said Troops, were duly honored and as no Person was appointed to supersede him, he could not but think that the late Congress and the present hon^{ble} Court acquiesced in his appointment.

That in ten days after the Troops came down they became so sickly that your Petitioner could not himself attend them all, as they were dispersed at Peirce's Island, Seavey's Island, New Castle and Portsmouth, the days very short, and the weather very cold, that he was obliged to engage Dr. Clement March, jun. and his Father Doctor Clement Jackson to assist him: That on the 27th Day of December Col. Wingate's Regiment was discharged, and left sick in the Hospital at Portsmouth, ten; in private Houses, five; at Seavey's Island, three; at New Castle, three; at Rye, two, besides those belonging to the Forts and Artillery Company: That your Petitioner attended them untill the 23^{d} day of January when he himself was seized with the same Fever that prevail'd amongst the Troops: That during his sickness they were faithfully attended by his Father Doctor Clement Jackson:

That your Petitioner has actually been in the service of his Country for seven months and done no other Business, for all which he has never received a single farthing: That his private Practice amounted annually to £350 lawful money, and was he to be paid for what he has done during the said time for the Troops, as private Practice, it would amount to double the sum: That if the Hon^ble Court should agree that because there was some deficiency in the mode of his appointment that he ought not to receive any thing, his Family must be greatly distressed, as he has no way to provide for them but by his Practice.

He humbly begs that the Hon^ble Court would take the matter in consideration, and grant such relief as they shall judge in their wisdom just and equitable.

HALL JACKSON.

Exeter, March 19th, 1776.

Certificates.

This may certify that during the time that Col° Wingates Regiment was stationed at Piscataqua, that a considerable number of officers and men were sick, and that when the Regiment was discharged a number of sick were left; that Doctor Hall Jackson diligently attended them in the different departments at Portsmouth, Pierce's Island, Seavey's Island, and New Castle.

JAMES HACKETT, Major of said Reg^t.

Portsmouth, March 19th, 1776.

This may certify that during my Command of the Artillery Company many of my men were sick, that they were faithfully attended by Doctor Hall Jackson. GEO. TURNER.

Portsm° March 19th, 1776.

This may certify that a considerable number of the soldiers belonging to Fort Washington have been sick, that they have all been faithfully attended by Doctor Hall Jackson, and his Father, Doctor Clement Jackson, Esq^r.

Given under my hand at Fort Washington, this 18th March, 1776.

TITUS SALTER.

This may certify that many of the soldiers under my command at Fort Sullivan have been sick, and that they have been taken care of by Doctor Hall Jackson, and during his sickness by his Father, Doctor Clement Jackson. ELIPHALET DANIELL.

Fort Sullivan, March 18th, 1776.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to Endeavour a reconciliation between Lieut. Col° Jeremiah Folsom and the Newmarket Petitioners, Report:

That as Col° Folsom was not able to attend the Committee in person, it is out of their power to Effect a reconciliation, and therefore advise, That for the sake of the Peace, Union and Good order of that

part of the Regiment, He, the said Lieut. Col° Folsom, Resign his Commission—all which is humbly submitted in the Name & pr order of the Committee. (Signed) Jonathan Blanchard, Chairman.
Exeter, March 19th, 1776.

Which Report being read & considered,

Voted That the same be received, and that the Secretary send a copy of the same and of this Vote to the said Lieut. Col° Folsom, that he may Give his answer to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Resolved, That if any Person or Persons in any County within this Colony, who have held or pretend to hold any office or offices under the former administration, and not being confirmed by the present Council & Assembly, having in his or their custody any Books, records, Papers & Files, shall Deliver up the same to any new officer or officers appointed in his or their room & stead (by the Council & Assembly) upon Demand; and upon refusal the Sheriff of [P. 69.] the County where such Recusant dwells is hereby authorized & required to Demand of him or them such Books, papers, records & files; and upon Non-compliance to commit such Recusant to his County Goal, there to remain untill further order of the General Assembly—A Copy of the vote of the said Assembly attested, to be full Evidence of the appointment of such new officer or officers.

The Committee appointed to lay Capt. Eliphalet Ladd under proper restrictions &c., made the following Report, viz:

Provided this Honble Court think it adviseable to give Capt. Ladd permission to Prosecute a voyage to the West Indias in a private capacity, we are of opinion that it is absolutely Necessary he should be laid under the following restrictions, viz:

1st That he shall Exert himself to the utmost of his Power to Procure Powder, Arms, Salt-Petre, Sulphur & German Steel.

2d That he shall proceed to no other ports but those that are Foreign, Beginning at St. Lucia and Ending at Hispaniola.

3d That if he will agree to comply with the first request, he may be permitted to load on board such produce as is not forbid by the Continental Congress, giving this Court or a Committee appointed by them sufficient bonds for his Performing the abovesd Voyage.

4th That he shall not be permitted to purchase with the Net proceeds of his Cargo, any of the Produce of the West Indies, If Powder, Arms, Salt-petre, Sulphur & Steel can be had at any of the ports aforesaid; but if at the first, second or third Island, he cannot sell his Cargo, and those articles can be had there and at no other port, he must Proceed from the Island he may sell at after he has received his Cash & purchase the same—he must leave no stone unturn'd to accomplish this End—and when Performed he must proceed home here and give the refuse of the same to this Colony.

(Signed)
Pierce Long,
Joseph Wait,
Ichabod Rollins.

Which Report being read and considered,

Voted That the same be received, and that Capt. Long, Mr. Rollins & Mr. Cutts be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to take proper security of Capt. Eliphalet Ladd for his proceeding on the voyage mentioned in the above report under the second Restrictions therein mentioned. Sent up by Mr. Sherburne.

[P. 70.]

Colony of New Hampshire:
By the Council and Assembly
A PROCLAMATION.

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Whereas the Congress of this Colony Have, agreeable to a Recommendation from the Hon^ble^ Continental Congress, Resolved and Formed themselves upon a Plan of Government by a Council & House of Representatives, Which Plan has been Published & Dispersed through the Colony, and is to be in force During the present Dispute with Great Britain Unless otherwise advised by the Continental Congress, Conformable to which said Plan of Government the Council & Assembly have chosen & Appointed the proper Officers for the Administration of Justice in the several Counties, who are to be Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their several Trusts:—It is therefore expected, That no person or persons claim or exercise any Civil Authority but such as are or may be appointed as aforesaid, on the Penalty of being Deemed Inimical to their country: Provided Nevertheless, and this Proclamation is Intended. Not to Interfere with the Power of the Necessary Committees of Safety chosen in the several Towns through the Colony by virtue & in consequence of any Recommendation or Resolves of the Continental Congress, Whereof all Persons concerned are to take due Notice & govern themselves accordingly. And at the same time it is earnestly recommended That in this Distressing day of Public Calamity, when our Enemies are Watching all opportunitys to ensnare and Divide us, Every one would Strive to prevent, and, if possible, to Quell all appearance of Party Spirit, to cultivate and promote Peace, Union and good order and by all means in their Power to Discourage Prophaneness, Immorality & Injustice.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

Voted That this Proclamation be Transcribed, Printed & Published Throughout this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 o'clock.

Letter from Capt. James Osgood.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 194.]

Orford, March 19th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

I have been informed by two Gentlemen belonging to the Court that a certain Gentleman of the House declared he was informed I had only inlisted 5 men, 4 of which had deserted. The affair must be wrong, construed with an intent to hurt the character of a Person unworthy of the same, and who does not deserve such Treatment. I have with me at least 60 good Men. Boys I scorn to engage, tho' I might have had a number of them, and I am pretty certain most Capt^s have had very bad luck in raising their men by reason of other officers engaging Men to Inlist for Portsmouth by offering them great advantages in respect to furloughs, which they possibly could not have by going to Canada, which of course has been a great Damage to our Parties. I have had a great number Deserted after paying them the Bounty and part of advance pay to support their families & have sent to the Committees to apprehend them, but have not Rec^d any answer. A Capt. of a Company of the Militia in *Hennica*, which can be proved in Concord, told one of my men that if he would go to head Quarters only for 2 months he would clear him from going to Canada. We are all in good spirits tho' we meet with such difficulties, and shall march tomorrow with what I have got, and shall have the remainder very soon.

Am Gentlemen,
Your most obd^t hble serv^t,
JAMES OSGOOD.

The Hon^ble Meshech Weare, Esq^r
Chairman of the Committee, Exeter.

Letter from Col. Bedel.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 200.]

Orford, 19th March, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Your Letter of the 13th inst. I received by Col^o Gerrish, wherein you mention the Marching and Inlisting of my Men goes on much slower than you expected. The Reasons I can give: In the first place the Inlisting Parties about here, some for Cambridge, some for Canada, were inlisting only for three months, and gave the same Bounty and advance as those I inlist for a year. In regard to the expence of the Indians I did not ask for any money to be given, but by their sickness the money fell short, so I only wanted the money to be lent till I could settle the affair and remit it back. In regard to stores I have not asked for any thing but medicines and something to help them along, as I don't think it prudent to send Troops at such a distance without, and the medicines would then be of use to the Continent, as I am certain they were very scarce last year in Canada, and suppose they are so now. Tho' the wages are to be paid monthly the men are under a necessity to leave something for the support of their families, as the distance being so great they have not an opportunity of sending any thing home only at some particular time; and the army being chiefly made up with People who are not under circumstances to support their Families while gone, therefore should have something to leave them. You also mention you expect I will march as soon as possible. That I should absolutely have done without any such Directions. My orders from the Continental Congress and Gen^{l} Washington was to apply to you for any necessary I might want, where they both mention you are to furnish me with the same suitable for my march, but not one word mentioned about my applying to you for orders to march or how I sho'd conduct in the affair, so if I apply'd for any thing of that kind, as the copy of my letter which I have does not mention (tho' there might be a mistake in the copying) I did not mean any such thing. When I was at Exeter there were two gentlemen, one by the name of Town and the other by the name of Peabody; the Committee sent them to me for orders to raise a company, which I did by your desire, tho' the Gentlemen I was never acquainted with, but I supposed they would have raised their men, but never heard from them till several Companies had marched, then had to send an Express to Amherst to them and found they had not raised one man, so had a Company to raise after all disappointments; if they had raised their men I sh'd have had my Reg^{t} full by the time. I have six Companies marched and full excepting four or five men; the Seventh Company is now on their march; they are here and will proceed to-day: The Eighth Company with Two officers and about 50 men are marched And two more Officers are now recruiting. I have heard they have got their men but not yet mustered. Capt. Osgood's Company is here but not full; there is about 60 mustered, which he will march with; we are not able to compleat them with arms but could purchase them if we had money, and this is the only party I ever had to march without arms & money. I have never rec'd any money only a little parcl at Exeter for our use at Canada, but shall march with the greatest chearfulness and do the best in my Power for the good of the service, as I am certain the cause we are upon is right and just, tho' we may suffer for want of proper supplies.

I am, Gentlemen, your most ob^{t}
hhb^{l} servant,
TIM^{o} BEDEL.

Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from Thomas Johnson.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 204.]

Newbury, March 20, 1776.

SIR—

I am sorry to Inform you of the Backwardness of the New hampshire forces Destined to Quebeck, the Reg^{t} not near full nor gone, but there are some Reasons, one is that no officers were alowed on York side, nor any body even to advise. Mr. Morey left a Letter for Col^{o} Beedle at Exeter informing that Mr. Johnson could not be an officer as he said no officer could be alowed in another Colony, and has given out since that he had a right to Inlist all y^{e} soldiers in another Colony but no officer might be alowed. On the whole I am sorry that New hampshire are so Backward, am afraid the Lakes will be Brok before they Cros it.

It is really strange that Philadelphia Troops can be Raised and in Canada before your Troops when we are not more than 100 miles from Montreal.

I have taken the freedom to tell you the true state of the case as you are one of the Comittee and a friend to Cause.

From your friend
and Humble servant,
THOMAS JOHNSON.

To Nathaniel Folsom, Esq.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted That John Dudley Esqr Timothy Walker Esqr & Capt Long be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honble Board to confer together on the account of Ezekiel Worthen jun's Wages, and make report thereon as soon as may be. Sent up by Colo Walker. [Concurred— & the Secretary, Genl Folsom & Mr. Blanchard added.]

[P. 71.] Voted, That Major Tash, Doctr Dearborn & Mr. Jacob Abbot be & hereby are chosen a Committee to join with a Committee from the Honble Board respecting a Petition from Marlow, Stoddard and Cambden (1), and make report thereon to this House. Sent up by Dr. Nichols. [Concurred. Messrs. Clagett, Giles and Hurd added.]

Voted That Mr. John Smith of Durham be and hereby is appointed to sign the bills of Credit of this Colony now at the Treasury, in the room and stead of Mr. Joseph Gilman, who prays to be excused. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell. [Concurred.]

Voted, That each Captain in the Regiment Now to be raised for the Defence of this Colony, receive out of the Treasury Forty three pounds & four shillings for their non-Commissioned officers & soldiers Blanket money, and that Each of said Captains give Bond with surety to the Treasurer to account for the same, and that the President of the Council give order for payment accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Calfe. [Concurred.]

Upon hearing & considering the Petition of Leonard Whiting, Benjamin Whiting, Samuel Cummings & Thomas Cummings, all of Hollis, against the Committees of Safety for the Towns of Holles, Dunstable, Merrimac & Litchfield, as on file, which being read & argued by Counsel before both Houses in the Town house in Exeter,

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(1) Now Washington.—ED.

Voted That the further consideration thereof be postponed untill the second Tuesday of the next sitting of this house in order that the full Evidence on both parties may be procured and brought in.

[P. 72.] Resolved, That if any person or Persons in either County within this Colony who have held or pretend to hold any office or offices under the former Administration, or any authority whatever, and not being confirmed by the Present Council & Assembly, Still Detain in his or their Custody, any Books, records, papers & files, should refuse to Deliver up the same on Demand, to the new officer or officers appointed in his or their room or stead by the Council and Assembly, Upon such refusal the Sheriff of the County where such Delinquent Dwells is hereby authorised & required to Demand of him or them such Books, Papers, Records & Files, and upon a non-compliance with said Sheriffs Demand, he the said sheriff shall take said Delinquent before either of the Justices of the County, who upon Examination of the matter, unless the said offender shall give sufficient reasons for his non-compliance, shall have full power to committ him the offender to the County Goal, there to remain untill he comply with this Direction, and pay cost of commitment, or untill further order of the General Assembly. A copy of the vote of said General Assembly attested, to be full Evidence of the appointment of such officer or officers. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 21st, 1776.

Voted That Mr. Samuel Hutchins of Portsmouth be Lieutenant of the Artillery Company there in the room & stead of John Marden, lately appointed by this house, who is otherwise engaged. Sent up by Mr. Sherburne. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of three members of this House to join a Committee of the Honble Board to agree with some suitable person to Build a Powder Mill in this Colony, and that Majr Philbrick, Majr Barker and Samuel Dudley, Esqr be a committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by Majr Philbrick. [Concurred—Mr. Weare & Mr. Folsom added.]

The Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Marlow, Stoddard & Campden, made report

That upon mature consideration of the said Petition, they are of opinion (the prayer thereof being to resolve whether there be a curve line or not, & to determine the Jurisdiction of the Grant of Marlow) It is out of the Power of the Committee, or General Assembly to Determine those Disputes at present, or is Improper now to be brought under their consideration, and therefore they ought not to meddle in the matter—had the prayer of the Petition been for the advice only, [P. 73.] of the General Assembly, the Committee think it advisable that each person within the Disputed Lines Pay Taxes to the respective Towns or Charters they settled under.

(Signed) J. Hurd, Chairman.

Which Report being read and considered,

Voted, That the same be receiv'd and Entered as the sense of this house.

Voted, That Major James Hackett be appointed Mustermaster of the Troops now raised and to be raised for the Defence of this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred.]

Voted, That George Jerry Osborn be Lieutenant of the Matross Company commanded by Capt. Salter, in the room & stead of Thomas Pickering who has resigned. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Samuel Sherburne, Esq^r be commissioned as Captain of an Independent Company of Cadetts at Portsmouth, and that he Rank as Colonel. That he have three subaltern officers for said Company under him to be commissioned by the Council & Assembly; The Company not to exceed Forty-Eight rank & file; That they be under the Direction and Command of the general officer of the Colony, and not to be obliged to march or do Duty more than Ten miles out of the Town of Portsmouth, and that the Lieutenant of said Company Rank as Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant as Major, and the Ensign as Captain. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock.

P. M.

[P. 74.] Voted, That Col^o Walker, John Dudley Esq^r & Capt. Prentice be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council, and make report as soon as may be, What business is most Necessary to be transacted before the adjournment of the Council & House, and also what time to adjourn from & to. Sent up by Col^o Walker. [Concurred.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Council, made report, viz.:

That a Committee of Safety be appointed to act in the recess of the Court: That the regulations about Salt-petre be finished & Directions about a Powder-mill: That a Committee of three be appointed (in the recess of the Court) to draw out & Present to the Court at their next Session for their approbation a Table of Fees for a reward to the several officers of Government for their services: That the Court be adjourned on Saturday next to the first Wednesday in June next, giving the President of Council and Speaker of the House Power to call the Court together in case of Necessity in their opinion.

(Signed) Nath¹ Folsom, Chairman.

Voted to choose a Committee of three members of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to confer together upon a Petition of sundry Committees of Safety, & Correspondence concerning the prices of goods & the Necessarys of Life &c. being raised to exorbitant prices since the Continental Association, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be, and that Capt. Barnett, Deacon Baldwin, & Capt. Moulton be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred—Messrs. Blanchard, Hurd & Giles added.]

Voted that the stated price of Salt-petre in this Colony be three shillings & six pence per pound, Exclusive of the Bounties heretofore Voted, untill the Eighth day of June next; That Doct^r^ Josiah Gilman of Exeter be and is hereby appointed to Inspect, receive & Store whatever Salt-petre made within this Colony may be bro't to him within the time aforesaid, and that his Certificate (of what quantity he receives) to the Treasurer shall Impower him to pay the prices & bountys aforesaid to such persons as produce the same, agreeable to the votes of the assembly. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 8 o'clock.

Friday, March 22^d^, 1776.

The Committee appointed by both houses to confer about Instructions for the Commissary who shall deliver out Provisions to the Troops at Portsmouth, made Report as follows, viz.

1^st^ That a Commissary be appointed constantly to attend every allowance day, upon the Troops at or near Portsmouth.

2^dly^ That the Commissary proceed to deliver out Provisions agreeable to the return of the Quarter-master every allowance day.

3^dly^ That the Commissary Deliver one Jill of rum per day to each man going upon Fatigue and not otherwise. The number to be ascertained by the adjutant.

4ly That an Agent Victualler be appointed to provide all the Necessaries for the army.

(Signed) Nath^l Folsom, Chairman.

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult together and Nominate some proper person for a Justice of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham in the room of George King, Esq^r who refuses to accept that office; and that Mr. Cutts, Capt. Moulton, & Major Tash be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin.

Voted that Capt. Prentice & Deacon Baldwin be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Regulate & settle the Table of Fees for the several officers in this Colony, and lay the same before this house at the next Session. Sent up by Mr. Shattuck.

Voted That John Dudley, Samuel Sherburne, Richard Downing, Elijah Grout and James Gibson, Esq^{rs}, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board in order to Nominate & recommend a Number of Persons for the Committee of Safety, to Act in the recess of the General Court, and the Powers proper to give them. Sent up by Capt. Wilson. [Concurred—Messrs. Clagett, Mr. Hurd, & Mr. Giles added.]

Voted, That Mr. Gains the Quarter Master at Portsmouth be & hereby is Directed Forthwith to Transport to Exeter under a proper Guard Three Thousand pounds weight of the Powder now in the Magazine there, and that after the same be landed and stored, the same to be under the Care & Direction of the Committee of Safety. Sent up by Mr. Shattuck.

Voted That the Quarter master at Portsmouth be directed to deliver to Samuel Sherburne Esq^r Thirty pounds weight of Powder for the use of his Company of Cadetts, and to be by him accounted for. Sent up by Mr. Shattuck.

Voted That Dr. Hall Jackson be and hereby is appointed Surgeon of our Troops at Piscataqua and that his wages be seven pounds & Ten shillings per month.

[P. 76.] Whereas Joseph Bartlett Esq^r of Newtown had by undue means obtained a seat in the late Congress at Exeter, and received pay for his Travel & Attendance out of the Treasury of this Colony, and it hath since been adjudged by this house that said Bartlett was not legally appointed to sit in said Congress, Therefore

Voted that said Bartlett be ordered Forthwith to replace the sum he received for his said pay, into the Treasury, and that the Clerk of this house Notify the said Bartlett of this order. D^{el} a copy to the speaker.

Voted, That Samuel Cutts Esq^{r} be and hereby is appointed Commissary & Victualler to our Troops at Piscataqua for the current year, and that he Deliver out no more single Rations to any of the officers of our Troops, and that he deliver to each man one Jill of rum per day when going to Fatigue & not otherwise—the number to be ascertained by the Adjutant; and that he Deliver out Provisions agreeable to the return of the Quarter master every allowance day; and that he render his account to this house or to the Committee of Safety, at every three months end. Sent up by John McClary Esq^{r}. [Concurred.]

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock.

P. M.

Voted That John McClary Esq^{r} Doct^{r} Dearborn & Capt. Moulton be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board upon the Expediency of sending some part of the Militia to Portsmouth & New Castle Imediately for the defence of Piscataqua harbour & places adjacent. Sent up by Jn^{o} McClary Esq^{r}.

[P. 77.] Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^{r}, Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r} & Nathaniel Folsom Esq^{r} of the Council, The Hon^{ble} Phillips White Esq^{r}, Peirce Long, John Dudley, Josiah Moulton, Stephen Evens & Robert Wilson Esq^{rs} of the Assembly Be and hereby are Appointed a Committee of Safety for this Colony, to act in the recess of the General Court, with the Same Powers & Authority as any former Committee of Safety of this Colony have had; and also to convene the Council & Assembly upon any emergency in the Time of their Recess—That any five of them be a Quorum to do Business; That they render an account of their doings to this house the first Week of their next session, and that they have Eight shillings pr day for their attendance on the Business, paying their own Expences. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of three members of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer together upon the accounts of the late Committee of Safety and make report to this house as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice, Doct. Nichols and Deacon Knowles be the Committee for that Purpose. Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board made the following Report, viz.

That they are of opinion the Expences of the said Committee be paid out of the Public money, and recommend that each of them be paid five shillings per diem wages.

(Signed) Wyseman Clagett, Chairman.

Whereas there are sundry Towns in the Colony settled these few years, both within the limits of what is called Mason's Patent & under Grants from the Crown, which have not the benefit of Incorporation, and thereby unable to choose proper officers to assess and collect the Colony Taxes: It is hereby Ordered That upon application of three of the Freeholders of said Town, to the Selectmen of the adjoining Town (if Incorporated) otherwise to the Selectmen of the nearest Town Incorporated, They the Selectmen are authorised, and hereby required to undertake and act for such Town, and to take Inventorys of Estates, make rates & issue Warrants to such or either of the Freeholders of said Town as they may think suitable persons to Levy, Collect & receive the said Rates and Taxes (the charge of the Selectmen's time in Said Business to be Included & paid by the Town so Taxed) which Tax shall be Transmitted to the receiver General according to his Warrant.

The House Adjourned to tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

[P. 78.] Saturday, March 23^d^, 1776.

Voted To choose a committee to agree with Col^o^ Toppan for the purchase of Seven Cannon belonging to him, now at our Batterys at Piscataqua Harbour, not to exceed Twenty pounds for each Cannon, and that Mr. Sherburne & Col^o^ Evens be the Committee for that purpose & to make report to the Com^tee^ of Safety.

Voted, That the several officers appointed by this house Proceed in their Respective Businesses Imediately after their taking their respective Oaths of office (without having Commissions) not to interfere with a former vote of this house for opening the several Courts to try Criminal cases & Trespasses only.

Voted, That Col° Timothy Walker be added to the Committee for examining accounts, &c. Sent up by Col° Walker.

Voted, That the Committee of supplies be paid for their services & expences Eight shillings per day when doing business abroad, and four shillings per day when they did business at Home. Sent up by Col° Walker.

Voted, That Capt. Long, our Barrack master, be ordered to build Barracks, or hire houses on Great Island to lodge our Soldiers in as he shall find convenient. Sent up by Col° Walker. [Concurred.]

Voted That the Inventorys of Real Estates & Polls in & throughout this Colony for the current year be taken in the month of April next, and the several rates at which the said Estates are to be sett, to be hereafter considered by this Court. Sent up by Mr. Shattuck.

[P. 79.] Voted That Capt. Prentice, Col° Evens, Mr. Patten & Mr. Grout be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to confer together about the Pay Roll of the members of this House and to make report to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board made Report

That it is their opinion that each member receive their pay out of the Treasury in the same manner & on the same conditions they did the last Session, and that the Secretary & Clerk Imediately make out the Rolls for the same.

(Signed) Nath^l^ Folsom, Chairman.

Therefore, Voted, That the pay of the several members of the Council & of this House for this Session be drawn out of the Treasury in the same manner and on the same condition as for the last session, and that the Secretary and the Clerk of the House Imediately make out the Rolls for the same and certify them to the Treasurer. Sent up by Mr. Ellis. [Concurred.]

Accts. allowed, petitions, bills, &c. during session March 6th to 22d, 1776.

Jn° Folsom acct. against Andrew McClary dec^d^ allowed £1: 6: 0.

Selectmen of Sandown for Blankets, £9: 0: 0.

Nich° Niccolee, £2: 5: 8; Widow Collins for wages of her husband, dec^d^, 40*s*.

Petition of Leonard Whiting et alii—to be heard:

Petition of Sarah Lutwyche, respecting Ferry, Do.

Petition of Enoch Bean, of Gilmantown, Do.

Widow Hannah Brown, receive her husband's wages, dec^{d}	£10: 10:6
Mary Eastman, her dec^{d} husband, wages, when Roll is settled.	
John & Eliphalet Gilman,	£21: 12: 0
Capt. Stephen Clark's Pay Roll,	70: 4: 7
Capt. Prentice	10: 0: 0
Andrew Neley	5: 17: 5
Widow Mary Shannon, for dec^{d} husbands wages, on settlement.	
Jere. Bryent for services to the Colony	5: 6: 0
The Summersworth Com^{tee} of Safety	29: 10: 1½
Geo. Wentworth,	9: 0: 0
Rev. Dr. Haven, as Chaplain, at Piscataqua	20: 0: 0
Daniel Fowle, printing	36: 13: 0
Samuel Cutts, commissary	800: 0: 0
Meshech Weare & Dr. Dearborn	6: 17: 8
Capt. Titus Salter,	93: 7: 3¾
Capt. Pierce Long, portledge bill of Schooner Gorham,	54: 0: 0
Henry Carter	16: 7: 4
Ezekiel Worthen, jun	7: 10: 6
Stratham Committee	12: 10: 0
Rochester Selectmen	4: 8: 0
Sam^{l} Morrill for boarding, nursing &c.	2: 19: 0
Col. David Gilman	12: 0: 0
Dr. Hall Jackson, for medicnes &c	37: 10: 0
Do. Do	8: 0: 0
Abel Webster & Sam^{l} Dearborn for transporting Indians	3: 18: 0
Amos Main Hayes	2: 2: 0
Capt. Daniel Ladd	10: 12: 11
Col. David Gilman, to pay soldiers &c.	43: 4: 0
Major Mooney, one months advance wages,—	
Capt. Eliphalet Daniel's Pay Roll,	154: 12: 0
Capt. Titus Salter's Pay Roll,	194: 16: 9
Capt. Ezekiel Worthen, balance, of acct.	20: 17: 0
Meshech Weare, for going to Cambridge,	4: 12: 0
Committee of Durham for Fire-rafts,	6: 1: 3
Nath^{l} Folsom, balance	2: 8: 6
Deacon Williams for use of his house	1: 4: 0
Elisha Grout	25: 0: 0
Joshua Wiggin	2: 11: 0
Col Henry Gerrish, expense of going to Coos	5: 18: 6
Noah Emery, clerk services	10: 0: 0
Ezekiel Worthen, jun. in full for services,	0: 10: 0

Bills enacted: For relief of Idiots & Distracted persons.
For the increase of Alewives in Great Cohass brook.

Then the House adjourned to the first Wednesday in June next, being the fifth day of said month, then to meet at the Court House in Exeter, at three of the clock in the afternoon.

Att: NOAH EMERY Clk. D Rep.

CORRESPONDENCE, &c.,

Between the time of adjournment, March 23d, and the meeting June 5th, 1776.

Committee of Safety in Hanover, relating to counterfeit money.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 216.]

Colony of New Hamp^{r} }
Grafton County, ss. }

At a meeting of the Committee of Safety for the Town of Hanover in said County at the House of John Paine, in-holder in said Hanover, March 23^{d}, 1776.

Present—Lt. David Woodward, Chairman,
Capt. Aaron Storrs
Beza^{l} Woodward, Esq. Clk.

Bezaleel Phelps of Norwich in the Coloney of New York, yeoman, was bro't before this Committee by virtue of a warrant issued by Bezaleel Woodward and Aaron Storrs two of the Committee, predicated on his having in his custody and detaining a certain Note of this Colony bearing the face of a six shilling Bill which is supposed to have been fraudulently altered and increased as to the value or sum therein express'd, by s^{d} Phelps, as by said warrant more fully may appear.

Respondent pleads not guilty.

After a full hearing of evidences in s^{d} case said Phelps confessed that he had burnt said bill, being conscious that it was altered, and that in case he may be excused from penalty for detaining said bill when he knew it was counterfeit, he will disclose to this Committee the author of that and sundry other bills, and discover where some of said bills are:—whereupon s^{d} proposal is agreed to, only that he pay costs hitherto made in the affair, till they can be regularly recovered of some other person. Costs taxed at forty shillings.

Said Phelps then desired Lemuel Paine of s^{d} Hanover to produce a certain forty shilling Bill which he received on the evening of the 15th inst. of Andrew Wheatly of Lebanon, which s^{d} Paine on request accordingly did, which bill is adjudged by this Committee to have been altered from a three shilling bill, and which s^{d} Lemuel on his oath declares he rec^{d} of said Wheatly as aforesaid.

Committee adjourned to tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Mar. 24th Met according to adjournment.

Present—Lt. David Woodward, Chairman
C^t Aaron Storrs,
Beza. Woodward, Esq. Clk. } Committee of Hanover.

John Wheatly, Esq^r
Major John Slapp
Maj^r John Griswold
Mr. Azariah Bliss } Committee of Lebanon.

1st Charles Hill of Lebanon, in-holder is bro't before these Committees for putting off and passing counterfeit money, at which time Solomon Cushman of Norwich produced a forty shilling bill of the Colony of New Hampshire No. 3260, emitted July 25th 1775, and payable Dec^r 20th 1779, which is adjudged by these Committees to have been altered; which bill said Cushman on his oath declares he rec^d of said Charles Hill in payment for a silk Handkerchief, and s^d Hill is not able to inform us of whom he received it. Whereupon it is considered and ordered that s^d Hill pay to s^d Cushman the value of s^d bill, viz. forty shillings and costs.

Judgment satisfied. Beza. Woodward, Clerk.

The Committee then resumed the examination relative to the bill laid before this Committee yesterday by Lemuel Paine, relative to which Charles Hill (being sworn) testifies that being at this house on the evening of the 15th Inst. he saw Joseph Skinner (of Capt. Green's company in Col. Bedel's Reg^t) put a bill into the hand of Andrew Wheatly of Lebanon that he might get it changed.

Bezaleel Phelps before named (being sworn) testifies, That he saw Andrew Wheatly give a forty shilling bill to Lemuel Paine to be changed and afterwards as s^d Phelps was going to D^r Eager with s^d Skinner, s^d Skinner told this deponent that it was his bill with which Wheatly paid the reckoning at said Paine's, and added, "*And I made it myself, and I have altered a good many bills from three shillings to forty shillings and I have known many more altered both here and at Cambridge, and a person may make his fortune by it in a little time.*" He also said that all the money he spent at Cambridge he altered, and further said to s^d Phelps that if he told any body of it he would kill him. Said Phelps further testifies that he saw said Skinner cut certain pieces from a certain book or pamphlet to use in altering bills, and s^d Skinner told him he had cut pieces from it before to use for that purpose, and that he would not take a thousand pounds for the book. Phelps described the book, and informed particularly where he had left it (which being produced exhibits strong grounds to apprehend from its appearance that it has been abundantly used for that purpose). Said Phelps further testifies when s^d Skinner had some paste to use in altering money, Mrs. Winton coming into the room asked what it was for? Dr. Eager replied *to paste books*—when he was sometimes in the room whilst Skinner was altering bills with the paste both before and after, Mrs. Winton asked the question; Said Phelps further testifies that he saw s^d Skinner alter a bill to a forty shilling last Sunday, and this deponent observing Dr. Eager to be present part of the time, asked Skinner whether the Doctor knew of his altering bills, to which Skinner replied, "damn him, yes." Said Phelps further testifies—[the remaining part of this is wanting.]

Letter from the Committee at Hanover.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 222.]

Hanover, 25th March, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Inclosed is a copy of our proceedings which we hope will be approved. We have seen no Resolve of the Congress relative to such cases, but imagined the necessity that immediate measures should be taken to suppress such a disorder, justified our proceeding as we have done. We could wish to have our duty in that & other cases more particularly stated, that we may not he exposed to exceed our bounds. As there is a prospect of further discoveries of the like kind in these parts and as persons not disposed to good Order, taking advantage of our broken State, have already begun to commit outrages on the property of others, which, if passed unnoticed, and no measures are directed to for redress, will be made use of as Presidents for further high-handed Iniquity; and tho Person and property of no one be secure. We are Gentlemen with much respect,

Your most obedient and humble servants.

By order of the Committee—

DAVID WOODWARD, Chairman.
BEZA WOODWARD, Clerk.

Committee of Safety
for New Hampshire.

Letter from Gen. Sullivan.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 218.]

Winter Hill, March 24th 1776.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN—

I have an account presented me by Capt. Tilton agreeable to the Direction of General Foulsom for payment of £17: 12: 6. it consists of six Articles, one Bill is £9: 10*s* for boarding Artillery Men sent from the army to your Assistance and remained there three weeks without wages and was carried there and brought back at my Expence. The next is £2: 10*s*: 11*d*. for Major Cilley's Expences; he was by the Committee of Safety appointed & Detained as Muster-Master for your Troops & I supposed you would make no Difficulty in paying his expence. The next is £1: 11*s* for expence of Mr. Nathl MacClintock appointed my Aid-de-Camp while present and remained as a volentier with your forces (at the request of your commanding officer) when I was absent, and was very useful to him and his bill if paid would not amount to the wages of a private soldier for the time he tarried. The next bill is for 17*s*: 9*d* Expence of the Captain of the Rifle-men sent there without my knowledge or consent with a Company to assist you if necessary. To crown the whole is a bill of 4*s*. 6*d* in securing the Troops in your Capital when the enemy appeared off your Harbour, when I was at Head Quarters and knew nothing of the matter. This, gentlemen, is a State of the accounts handed me for payment & which I am ready to pay in case you think that a single article ought to be paid by me.

Gentlemen, I am extremely sorry to find a person pretending so much patriotism as Mr. Folsom does ever striving to give me pain and uneasiness, and this without the least provocation on my part; every day do I hear of his insulting and abusive language, such as he well knows he dare not use if I was present. Every step he takes is pregnant with malice against me & I am sorry to hear his Malicious Endeavors have but too great weight on some other minds and by means of that I am daily censured in your Cabinet and for what I know not. I now appeal to you & call upon you to give one instance where I have made money at the expence of my country, or where I have usurped a greater Power than was at first delegated to me. What Relation have I promoted or what part of my family have I enriched? which of my former Friends have I promoted or which of my former Enemies have I persecuted with unrelenting fury? No, Gentlemen, my motives are of a different kind: no private Friendship or private quarrels shall take hold of my publick conduct. I call Heaven and Earth to witness that thus far the good of my country has been my only aim. This I have endeavored to evince by my conduct. Consider, Gentlemen, what sums of Money I have already expended & how many days I have hailed clad with new and threatening dangers to my life; How have I Refrained from the seat of Domestic happiness & confined by my country's cause at a Distance heard the fatal tidings of sickness & Death in my own Family while I was contemplating my own danger here. Can all this be, Gentlemen, and yet I not be in earnest, & shall he who Basks in the sunshine of Malice and Sleeps securely in the Bed of Revenge set my own Friends, my Fathers in political Life against me? Let gratitude, let Pity Forbid it, and let the Heavenly Justice take hold on the Wretch whose sordid soul could never harbour a thought but that of gratifying his own malicious Disposition or bringing about his own promotion. I most earnestly pray that Heaven may judge between us and reward him that is insincere with Disgrace and Infamy.

I know, Gentlemen, that some of you thought it a great stretch of power in me to select officers for a new Regiment out of those you sent before. Let the Inclosed Paper witness the Justice of the choice and the confidence General Washington has placed in the field officers of that Regiment by trusting them with the most Important Posts (never before Entrusted to Militia Regiments) witness in favor of my Judgment; Sure I am that those persons have not in private life been my intimate Friends;—Nay, some of them my most inveterate foes; but I wish we all could leave our private Resentments in our closets when we are acting in publick Capacities and consider only the means of promoting our Country's good.

Surely by my having the choice of Thirty one set of officers who had been under my Immediate inspection, I could have a much better opportunity of selecting Eight good men than you who were not here and could not know how they behaved. I made the choice and the officers have done honour to themselves & the Province, and Differ exceedingly from some of the Captains sent here before who could neither sign or Return or give a Receipt for the money they received at Head Quarters but by making their Mark. Now let me ask what power I have gained to myself by this procedure, or what could I have in view but the credit of the Province & the good of the service: have I added to my own Interest or Gratified myself by assuming a power

& laying a foundation to Destroy the Liberties of my countrymen? I well know that Mr. Foulsom and some others have censured my conduct at Portsmouth for no other Reason but because they were not at the head of affairs themselves. I well know that the fatigues I went through and the large sum I expended were not matters of sufficient Inducement in themselves to Draw me into the measures of which these Malicious persons complain. I must observe that when they feel Motives similar to those which actuated me at that Time, Malice will cease to reign in their Bosom & Envy learn to be silent. I am sorry to hear, Gentlemen, that some Gentlemen have moved in your house for my being Reimbursed the Expence I was at in coming to assist your Capital. I find myself obliged to thus publickly assure you that this was done without my knowledge or consent, and to assert that I never hinted to any person that I expected a thing of the sort. I sensibly feel my obligation to those Gentlemen who actuated by motives of Justice & Humanity made the motion without my knowledge or consent, but at the same time must beg leave to assure them that the loss of Interest and fatigues of War are what I expect nothing in return for except seeing my country freed from Slavery, and those worthy Gentlemen and their posterity Enjoying the sweets of peace and freedom. Gentlemen, I beg pardon for the length of this letter & that you will excuse any Expression which may proceed from a mind conscious of having been basely Injured, and believe me to be, Gentlemen, with great Respect your most obedient servant,

JN° SULLIVAN.

P. S. I must again Entreat you
to forward the Commissions
for the Regiment. J. S.

The Hon^ble the Gen^l Assembly.

Orders of the Committee of Safety to Capt. Titus Salter.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 232.]

April 11^th 1776.

Capt Titus Salter,

You are hereby authorized to proceed to Boston and there make application to the Hon^bl Gen^l Ward for liberty to bring back the Cannon, viz. 2 32 pounders & 2 6 pounders double fortified, lent the Continental army in July last, as we conceive they are not wanted there now, and as our lines at Portsmouth have not guns anyways sufficient for the defence thereof; and to see if any Balls can be procured for the Cannon there.

Also to enquire of General Ward, or the Commissary General whether there is any flour in Stock belonging to the Continent to be sold & at what price: And also to endeavor to procure some skilfull Engineer to come to Portsmouth as soon as may be to lay out the lines of some Fortifications there, as soon as possible: And on your return to Notifie Capt. Weare of the time the Engineer will be at Portsmouth and make return of your doings to the Committee.

By order of the Committee.

MESHECH WEARE, Chairman.

Letter to Gen. Ward, with Instructions.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 233.]

In Committee of Safety, Portsm^o, April 11th, 1776.

The Bearer Capt. Salter is Instructed to apply to you for the release of 4 Cannon lent by this Colony to the Continental Army; and as our situation is such as makes it necessary to have a considerable number of Cannon mounted at several places to make any considerable opposition against an Enemy attempting to Destroy our Capitol, and as an Hundred heivey peices of Cannon were carried by the Kings Ships from our Castle to Boston many of whom it is probable are left there; and if it is consistent with your Instructions from the Continental Congress to lend us as many as you can conveniently spare to be accounted for by the Colony, it will at this time be esteemed a great favour done us.

By order of the Committee
I am your m^t hum^l Serv^t
M. W. Chairman.

Hon. Artemas Ward, Esq.

Letter from Gen. Artemas Ward.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 238.]

Head Quarters, Boston, 15th April, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Your letter of the 11th Inst. by Capt. Salter I have received, in answer to which I am to acquaint you that the Cannon belonging to New Hampshire which are here shall be delivered to your order whenever you please to send for them. I wish it was in my power to supply you with all the Cannon you want; but the Enemy destroyed & carried off so many, together with what are gone southward with the Army, that we have not enough for our Fortifications.

I am, your obedient
Humble Servant,
ARTEMAS WARD.

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq.,
and Committee of Safety.

Capt. Salter's Return about Cannon, &c.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 235.]

Portsmouth, Apr^l 24th, 1776.

Pursuant to the within I have Ben to Boston and as to the four Cannon, have seen them—they can be had with the Balls &c. belonging to them, when sent for. As to any provisions it Cannot be had, Neither could I procure an Engineer or any more Cannon.

TITUS SALTER.

To the Hon^l Committee of Safety for the
Colony of New Hampshire.

Letter from Hon. Wm. Whipple.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 236.]

Philadelphia, 12th Ap^{l}, 1776.

SIR—

Inclosed you have some papers conta^{s} the late Resolutions of Congress, Blank Commissions &c. will be forwarded by the President. I hope Col. Bartlett will soon be here. I expect he will be set out before this reaches you. If the Acc^{ts} cannot be got ready, a Petition from the Gen^{l} Court, or if they are not seting, from the Committee, representing the exertions of the Colony in the common cause and the disadvantages of emiting such large sums in Colonial Bills, will have a very good effect; & I am inclined to think wo^{l}d obtain a grant of about two thirds the sum the Colony is in advance.

Congress have been so exceeding ingaged I have not been able to call their attention to the Report of the Committee on the application of your Committee, but hope shall very soon be able to transmit their determination.

I am, with great Respect & Esteem
Sir, your most ob^{t} serv^{t}
WM. WHIPPLE.

Hon. Meshech Weare.

Order to Col. David Gilman.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 240.]

In Committee of Safety, April 25th, 1776.

Col. *David Gilman*—

You are directed, when you have finished the Redoubt on Church-hill to compleat the Fort on Pierce's Island by enclosing the same: also, what is necessary to be further done to the Fort on Seavey's Island; and in prosecuting the same you are desired to apply to Dr. Hall Jackson & Capt Pierce Long for their assistance in laying out the works.

(Copy) ——— ———

Committee of Safety to Pierce Long, Esq^{r}.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 240.]

Colony of New Hampshire.

In Committee of Safety, April 26th, 1776.

To PIERCE LONG, Esq^{r}.

Pursuant to a Recommendation from the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress for Regulating Trade, and permitting the Inhabitants of these Colonies to trade with some of the European nations under certain Limitations:—

You are hereby appointed an officer for the Port of Piscataqua and fully authorized and Empowered to procure Registers signed by the President of the Council, for all vessels outward Bound belonging to this Colony; Enter and Clear all vessels coming in & going out of said Port; having a strict Regard & obedience to the Regulations & directions of the Continental Congress; but by no means to counteract the same—Taking such Reasonable fees as may be an adequate reward for your service, and no more, and to continue in said office until the determination of the Council & Assembly thereon.

(Copy)

Letter from Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. III. p. 244.]

Philadelphia, April 30th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

In order to give success to the Expedition into Canada, Nothing is so much wanted at this Juncture as a supply of Specie. General Schuyler says it is absolutely necessary, and the Congress have received from him the most pressing Letters on that head.

Should the army be compelled to evacuate Canada, it is impossible to say what will be the consequences, or where the Mischief may end. It becomes us, therefore, as we regard our Country and its best Interests, to exert every Nerve to guard against so fatal an Event. For this purpose, and as a step of the utmost Importance, I am commanded by Congress earnestly to request you to take the most speedy and effectual Measures to collect as much hard Money as possible, and to send the same to General Schuyler. Whatever sum you may collect for this Use, you will please to draw on me for the amount, and the Bills shall be honored.

The unprepared state of the Colonies on the commencement of the war, and the almost total want of every thing necessary to carry it on, are the true sources from whence all our Difficulties have proceeded. The fact however furnishes a most striking proof of the weakness or wickedness of those, who charge them with an *original* Intention of withdrawing from the government of Great Britain and erecting an independent Empire. Had such a Scheme been formed, the most warlike Preparations would have been necessary to effect it.

From the distinguished ardor and zeal of the Colony of New Hampshire in the American Cause I am persuaded you will pay all the attention to this Request of Congress, which the Importance of it demands.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
your most obedᵗ & very hhᵇˡ servᵗ,
JOHN HANCOCK, President.

The Honourable, the Council of New Hampshire.

Resolve of the Continental Congress.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. III. p. 248.]

In Congress, May 4th, 1776.

Resolved—That all the Cannon and other Stores in Boston, which were originally purchas'd and provided by and at the expence of the Colonies of Massachusetts Bay & New Hampshire be consider'd as belonging to the Colony that so purchased & provided them; & that all the other Cannon left in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay by the British Forces be presented to the said Colony.

By order of Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, Presidᵗ.

Letter from Col. David Gilman, relating to the officers and soldiers under his command.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol III. p. 266.]

Head Quarters, May y^{e} 6th, 1776.

MOST RESPECTED GENTLEMEN—

My officers here makes great complaints for want of Paper—they cannot Receive Necessary orders and make Proper Returns of their Companys for want of that article. By the best information I can get the officers and Non-Comissioned officers in the Continental Army, are alowed that Article; I should be glad the matter may be considered, and grant such releaf as you in your wisdom shall think best. My command here is attended with sum considerable Difficulty; the soldiers verry mutinus;—Capt. Dearing's Company in perticular; not, owing to their officers being backward in their duty, but from a notion that the artillery men has no Right to build fortifications: I have ordered that Company over to Sevey's Island in hopes to have them in sum better order; five of s^{d} Company are now under trial of a Court Martial for mutinus behaviour, you may Remember, Gentlemen, when you was Down here, I mentioned something concerning boats to Reinforce New Castle in case we should be attacked by the Enemy. I am of the same mind still, and think it worthy of your consideration. I have almost compleated the Battery on Church hill, should have Dun it Long ago if the wind and wether had not prevented getting turf; we have begun to Inclose fort Washington, and hope in a short time to have it in a good way. I shall endeavor chearfully to comply with your orders at all times, and Exercise my small tallents in the glorious Cause we are now contending. I am with great Respect your

honors most obed^{t} servant

DAVID GILMAN.

P. S. I think we are Neglected with regard to a Chaplain; the men are badly Provided with arms. I fear the muster-masters Did not Discharge their duty in this Respect. Flints is much wanting and a'nt to be had.

Letter of Meshech Weare to Hon. Thomas Cushing.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 250.]

Hampton falls, May 13, 1776.

SR—

Your letter requesting that we would have some Regiments in Readiness to assist you in case of an attack which there was reason to expect, has been laid before the Com^{tee} of Safety for this Colony, who thereupon immediately gave Orders to the Collonels of the Several Regiments to take immediate care to have the men under their Respective commands properly Equipped and Ready to move on the shortest Notice, upon any Requisition from your Colony or this. The Com^{tee} view it as a common cause we are concern'd in, and will Readily do all in their power in support of it.

I am directed by the Com^{tee} to acquaint you in case of an attack or your wanting immediate assistance, upon your informing the Collonels of any of the Regiments most convenient bordering on your Colony, they have orders to afford you all the assistance they can. We have no doubt of Receiving the like assistance from you in Case the attack should be made on us.

(Copy) Hon. Thomas Cushing.

Resolves of Congress.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. pp. 250-253.]

In Congress, Tuesday May—1776.

Resolved, That one battalion be raised in New Hampshire for the service of the United Colonies and paid and subsisted upon the Same terms as the Continental troops in the Eastern department,—the said battalion to be taken into continental pay so soon as they shall be armed and mustered.

Extract from the minutes

CHAS. THOMSON, Secy.

In Congress, May 16th, 1776.

Resolved, That the five Battalions now in Massachusetts Bay, be recruited to their full complement, and that these additional Battalions be raised in the Eastern Department for the service of the Continent, the Recruits to be taken into Continental Pay, so soon as they shall be armed and mustered.

May 16th.

Resolved, That two of the additional Battalions be raised in Massachusetts Bay & the other in Connecticut.

That it be recommended to the General Assemblies of Massachusetts Bay & Connecticut to endeavour to have the Battalions enlisted for two years unless sooner discharged by Congress, in which case, they are to be allowed one Months pay on their discharge ; but if the Men cannot be prevailed on to enlist for two years, that they be enlisted for one year, and that they be ordered as soon as raised & armed immediately to march to Boston.

By order of Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 256.]

GENTLEMEN—

You will perceive by the enclosed Resolve of Congress, which I am commanded to transmit you, that they have directed another Battalion to be raised in your Colony on Continental Pay.

The Army under General Washington has been so extremely weakened by detaching ten Regiments into Canada on a most important service, that it has become apparently necessary for the security of the Eastern Governments to increase the Number of Troops in that quarter. The Congress have accordingly resolved, That two Regiments be raised in Massachusetts Bay, one in Connecticut, and one in New Hampshire, for the service of the United Colonies. They have also been pleased to appoint Horatio Gates, Esq^r to be a Major General, and Thomas Mifflin, Esq. to be a Brigadier General in the Continental Army.

Your zeal & ardor in the American Cause, will, I am persuaded, induce you to carry the inclosed Resolve into effect, with all the Expedition which your own situation and the Public Good so evidently require.

I enclose you also, Blank Commissions for the Captains and Subalterns of the Regiment to be raised in your Colony, to be filled up with the names of the persons you may please to appoint. With respect to the Field officers, I have it in command to request you will please to recommend to Congress as early as possible the Names of Persons you judge proper for those offices, in order that they may be appointed & commissioned by Congress. As soon as I have the Honour to receive your Recommendations, I will lay them before Congress, and immediately upon their Determination transmit you the Commission filled up accordingly.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
your most obed^t & hhb^l serv^t,
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t.

The Hon^bl the Assembly
of New Hampshire.

Letter from Hon. Wm. Whipple.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 258.]

Philadelphia, 17^th May, 1776.

SIR,

The inclosed Resolution of Congress sho'd have gone yesterday, but I had sent off my letter before I discovered the omission. Congress have reserved to themselves the appointment of Field officers, but they are nominated by the Assembly, Convention, or Committee of the Colony where the Regiments are raised; it will therefore be necessary that the names of the Field Officers sho'd be transmitted here in order that the Commissions may be filled up: the President will forward to you the Blank Commissions for the other officers. When I think of the number of men & arms gone from the Eastern Colonies, I cannot help feeling for their situation, if a powerful attack sho'd be made there; but doubt not proper steps are taken to furnish arms. I think every person who can do any thing towards making arms sho'd be employed in that business. Britain will no doubt exert her utmost efforts for our destruction, but if they are repulsed in the manner I expect, this Campaign, I am very confident they never will attempt another. This Summer will in all probability be the warmest America ever saw. May the Supreme Governor of the Universe protect, & Defend us, Guide our Councils & Prosper our arms.

I am with great Respect,
your most ob^t serv^t,
WM. WHIPPLE.

May 18. Coll^o Bartlett arrived last evening, very much fatigued.

Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq.

Resolve of Congress for the Several Colonies to take up Government.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 254.]

In Congress, May 15, 1776.

Whereas his Britannic Majesty, in conjunction with the Lords and Commons of Great Britain, has, by a late Act of Parliament, excluded the Inhabitants of these United Colonies from the protection of the Crown; And Whereas no answer whatever to the humble petitions of the Colonies for redress of grievances and reconciliation with Great Britain has been or is likely to be given; but the whole force of that Kingdom, aided by foreign mercenaries, is to be exerted for the destruction of the good people of these Colonies; And Whereas it appears absolutely irreconcileable to reason and good conscience, for the people of these Colonies now to take the oaths and affirmations necessary for the support of any Government under the Crown of Great Britain; and it is necessary that the exercise of any kind of authority under the said Crown should be totally suppressed, and all the powers of Government exerted under the authority of the people of the Colonies for the preservation of internal peace, virtue, and good order, as well as for the defence of their lives, liberties, and properties, against the hostile invasions and cruel depredations of their enemies: Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the respective Assemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies, where no Government sufficient to the exigencies of their affairs has been hitherto established, to adopt such Government as shall in the opinion of the Representatives of the People best conduce to the happiness and safety of their Constituents in particular, and America in general.

Extract from the Minutes.

Charles Thomson, Secretary.

Orders to General Folsom.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 262.]

Colony of New Hampshire. } In Committee of Safety May 22^{d}, 1776.

To Nathaniel Follsom, General of the Militia
in the Colony of New Hampshire:

Whereas you were lately directed by this Comm^{te} to warn the Militia in several of the Counties in this Colony to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice to Relieve any place in this Colony that should be attacked by our Enemies; and inasmuch as there may be a sudden Descent made on our Sea coast; you are hereby directed & authorized on notice of any such Descent or attack to Imediately order the Militia to march to such place and repair there yourself with all speed and take the command of all the forces of this Colony raised for the defence thereof, as well as the Militia, giving them such orders and directions as you may judge best to repell the Enemy.

Resolves of Congress.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. III. p. 268.]

In Congress, June 1, 1776.

Resolved, That six Thousand Militia be employed to reinforce the army in Canada and to keep up the communication with that Province: And to make up that number,

Resolved, That the Colony of Massachusetts Bay be requested to supply of their Militia, 3000—4 Battalions.
Connecticut of their Militia 1500—2 Do
New Hampshire of their Militia 750—1 Do
New York of their Militia 750—1 Do

June 3, 1776.

Resolved, That the General be empowered to employ in Canada a number of Indians not exceeding two thousand:

That thirteen thousand eight hundred Militia be employed to reinforce the army at New York;

To compleat which number,

Resolved, That the Colony of Massachusetts Bay be requested to furnish of their Militia— 2000
Connecticut of their Militia 5500
New York of their Militia 3000
New Jersey of their Militia 3300

Resolved, As the opinion of this Congress that the Eleven Battalions raised and ordered to be raised for the protection of the New England Colonies are sufficient.

Resolved, That a flying Camp be immediately established in the middle Colonies, and that it consist of ten thousand men.

To make up which number:

Resolved, That the Colony of Pennsylvania be requested to furnish of their Militia 6000
Maryland of their Militia 3400
Delaware Government of theirs 600

That the Militias be engaged to the first day of December next unless sooner discharged by Congress.

That the pay of the Militias be commenced from the day of their marching from home, and that they be allowed one penny a mile lawful money in lieu of rations for travelling expences and one day's pay for every twenty miles between home and the general rendezvous going and returning.

That two Provincial Brigadiers General be employed in the Canada Department, one from Massachusetts Bay, and one from Connecticut.

That four Provincial Brigadiers General be employed in the New York Department, one from Massachusetts Bay, one from Connecticut, one from New York, and one from New Jersey.

That three Provincial Brigadiers General be employed for the flying Camp, two from Pennsylvania and one from Maryland.

That the said Brigadiers General be appointed by the respective Colonies above mentioned.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions, and Committees of Safety in the United Colonies, to fall upon the most effectual means of removing the flocks, grain and *meal?* from such parts of their respective Colonies as are invaded or are in imminent danger of being invaded by the enemy.

That the General Assembly of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, the Governor and Assembly of Connecticut, the Conventions of New York and New Jersey and the several Conventions of such other of the United Colonies in which there are any lead mines be requested to transmit to Congress with all convenient dispatch the state & condition of the lead mines in their respective Colonies and use the most speedy means to procure their being wrought to effect.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHAS. THOMSON, Sec^y.

June 4, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies & Conventions of the Colonies requested to supply or furnish Militias by the Resolutions of yesterday, to take particular care that the Militias come provided with arms, accoutrements & Camp Kettles.

By order of Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 272.]

Philadelphia, June 4^th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Our affairs are hastening fast to a crisis, and the approaching Campaign will, in all probability, determine for ever the Fate of America.

Such is the unrelenting Spirit which possesses the Tyrant of Great Britain and his Parliament, that they have left no Measure unessayed that had a tendency to accomplish our Destruction. Not contented with having lined our Coasts with Ships of War, to Starve us into a surrender of our Liberties, and to prevent us from being supplied with Arms & Ammunition, they are now about to pour in a Number of Foreign Troops, who from their want of Connections, and those feelings of sympathy which frequently bind together the different Parts of the Same Empire, will be more likely to do the Business of their Masters without Remorse or Compunction.

By the best intelligence from Canada it appears that our affairs in that Quarter wear a melancholy Aspect. Should the Canadians and Indians take up arms against us (which there is too much Reason to fear) we shall then have the whole Force of that country to contend with, joined to that of Great Britain and all her foreign Auxiliaries. In this situation, what Steps must we pursue? The Continental Troops alone are unable to stem the Torrent, nor is it possible at this day, to raise and discipline Men by the Time they will be wanted.

From the secresy with which the Ministry carry on their machinations, we neither know their views or how near our Enemies may be. Perhaps at this moment they are landing on some part of our Country.

In this difficult and trying situation of our Affairs, the Congress have come to the enclosed Resolves, which I have it in command to transmit you by Express, containing matters of the greatest Importance, and to which I beg leave to request your attention. You will there find the Congress have judged it necessary to call upon the Militia in the present alarming Crisis.

Should the United Colonies be able to keep their ground this Campaign, I am under no apprehensions on account of any future one. We have many Disadvantages at present to Struggle with, which Time and a Progress in the Art of War will remove. But this circumstance should rouse us to superior Exertions on the occasion. The Militia of the United Colonies are a Body of Troops that may be depended upon. To their Virtue their Delegates in Congress, now make the most solemn appeal. They are called upon to say whether they will live Slaves or die Freemen—they are requested to step forth to defend their Wives, their children, their Liberty, and every thing they hold dear. The cause is certainly a most glorious one; and I trust every man in the Colony of New Hampshire, is determined to see it gloriously ended, or to perish in the Ruins of it.

In short, on your Exertions at this critical Period, together with those of the other Colonies in the common Cause, the Salvation of America now evidently depends. Your Colony, I am persuaded, will not be behind hand. Exert therefore every Nerve to distinguish yourselves. Quicken your Preparations, and Stimulate the good People of your Government, and there is no Danger, notwithstanding the mighty armament with which we are threatened, but they may be led on to Victory, to Liberty and to Happiness.

I have the honor to be with Esteem,
Gentlemen, your most Ob^ed^t
and very hble Serv^t^.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t^.

The Hon^ble^ the Assembly
of New Hampshire.

Letter from Our Delegates in Congress, relating to a Reinforcement for Canada.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 276.]

Philad^a^, 4th June, 1776.

SIR—

We wrote you 28th ulto. since which Congress have Resolved to send a farther Reinforcement into Canada. 750 men including officers will be required of our Colony, to serve as Militia until the 1st Dec^r^, the officers to be commissioned by the Colony. It is absolutely necessary our posts sho'd be supported in that Country, for sho'd the Enemy get possession we shall certainly have a long & troublesome war on our hands, but if we are successful, which by proper Exertions & Divine assistance there is no doubt of, this Campaign will place us out of the reach of their Malice. You will soon receive the Resolutions respecting this Reinforcement from the President.

The money mentioned in our last is not yet gone forward, not having had an opportunity, but hope shall have in a few days.

We are with great Respect,
your most obed^t^ Serv^ts^
JOSIAH BARTLETT
WM. WHIPPLE.

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS

Of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the Colony of. New [p. 82.] *Hampshire, convened at Exeter by Adjournment on the Fifth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & Seventy Six—with their Travel and Attendance.*

Towns and Places.	Names of Members.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Southampton & Newtown 1	Hon. Phillips White, Esq., Speaker,	8	25	£8: 3: 4
Exeter, 2	Noah Emery, Esq., Clerk,	0	28	16: 16: 0
Portsmouth, 3	Samuel Cutts, Esq.,	14	28	9: 11: 8
	Samuel Sherburne, Esq'r,	14	24	8: 7: 4
	Pierse Long, Esq'r,	14	18	6: 6: 8
Londonderry, 2	John Bell, Esq'r,	22	28	8: 15: 4
	Moses Barnett, Esq.,	22	28	8: 15: 4
Chester, 2	Mr. Stephen Morse,	20	29	9: 0: 8
	Robert Wilson, Esq'r,	14	25	8: 13: 4
Hampton, 1	Josiah Moulton, Esq'r,	8	24	7: 17: 4
Northampton, 1	Dr. Levi Dearborn,	6	26	8: 6: 0
Greenland, 1	Clement March, Esq.,	10	7	2: 14: 8
Newington, 1	Richard Downing, Esq'r,	15	22	7: 17: 0
New Castle, 1	Henry Prescott, Esq'r,	17	16	5: 1: 8
Rye, 1	Mr. Nathan Goss,	12	26	8: 16: 0
Stratham, 1	Benjamin Barker, Esq.,	3	27	8: 13: 0
New Market, 1	Thomas Tash, Esq.,	8	28	9: 1: 4
Kingston & East Kingston 1	Samuel Philbrick, Esq'r,	4	28	8: 14: 8
Salem, 1	Mr. Caleb Dustin,	20	21	6: 12: 8
Pelham, 1	Mr. James Gibson,	35	7	2: 13: 8
Candia, 1	Capt. Moses Baker,	22	26	8: 3: 4
Raymond & Poplin, 1	John Dudley, Esq'r,	18	25	7: 16: 0
Brintwood, 1	Samuel Dudley, Esq'r,	5	26	8: 4: 4
Wyndham, 1	James Betton, Esq'r,	26	16	5: 6: 0
Concord, 1	Timothy Walker, Esq'r,	40	25	8: 3: 4
Epping, 1	Mr. Nehemiah Wheeler,	8	28	9: 1: 4
Canterbury & Loudon, 1	Mr. Thomas Clough,	40	28	9: 1: 4
Deerfield & Northwood, 1	Jeremiah Eastman, Esq'r,	22	32	9: 19: 4
Bow & Dunbarton, 1	Capt. Caleb Page,	50	32	10: 8: 8
Nottingham, 1	Thomas Bartlett, Esq'r,	12	25	8: 10: 0
Sandown & Hawke, 1	Mr. Moses Colby,	11	9	3: 1: 4
Epsom, Chichester, & Allenstown, 1	John McClary, Esq'r,	24	32	10: 0: 0
Plaistow & Atkinson, 1	Mr. Samuel Kimball,	16	32	9: 11: 4
Kensington, 1	Capt. Ezekiel Worthen,	7	27	8: 13: 4
Hampton Falls & Seabrook, 1				
Hampton, 1				
Pembroke, 1				
DOVER, 2	Stephen Evens, Esq'r,	18	25	7: 16: 0
	Otis Baker, Esq'r,	18	24	7: 10: 0

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

Towns and Places.	Names of Members.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Durham, 1	Mr. John Smith,	12	28	1 & ½ pay. £13: 12: 0
Summersworth, 1	Ichabod Rollins, Esq'r,	21	27	8: 9: 0
Rochester, 1	James Knowles, Esq'r,	25	30	9: 8: 4
Barrington, 1	Mr. James Marden,	21	5	1: 17: 0
Gilmanton & Barnstead, 1	Joseph Badger, Esq.,	40	17	5: 15: 4
Sanbornton & Meredith, 1	Ebenezer Smith, Esq.,	52	18	6: 5: 4
Leavitstown, Wakefield and Middleton, 1	Mr. Nathaniel Balch,	50	32	10: 8: 8
Moultonborough, Sandwich & Tamworth, 1	Daniel Beede, Esq.,	68	13	5: 6: 8
New Durham, the Gore, & Wolfeborough, 1				
Madbury, 1				
Lee, 1				
AMHERST, 2	Moses Nichols,	40	24	7: 17: 4
	Dea. Nahum Baldwin,	40	25	8: 3: 4
Dunstable, 1	Jonathan Lovewell, Esq'r,	40	22	7: 5: 4
Hollis, 1	Mr. Stephen Ames,	44	32	10: 6: 8
Weare, 1	Mr. John Worth,	50	24	8: 0: 8
Hopkinton, 1	Capt. Stephen Harriman,	50	32	10: 8: 8
New Ipswich, 1	Mr. William Shattuck,	60	20	7: 0: 0
Mason & Raby, 1	Mr. Amos Dakin,	58	32	10: 11: 4
Merrimac & Bedford, 1	Matthew Patten, Esq.,	35	23	7: 9: 8
Derryfield and Goffstown, 1	Moses Kelley, Esq.,	35	29	9: 5: 8
Boscawen and Salisbury, 1	Henry Gerrish, Esq.,	50	12	4: 8: 8
Litchfield and Nottingham West, 1	Asa Davis, Esq'r,	35	28	8: 19: 8
Temple and Peterborough, 1	Mr. Samuel Moore,	65	32	10: 13: 8
Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mile Slip & Duxbury Farm, 1	Jacob Abbot, Esq'r,	50	30	9: 16: 8
Heneker, Hillsborough, Deering and Society Land, 1	Capt. Joseph Symonds,	65	32	10: 13: 8
New Breton, Warner, Perrystown & Fisherfield, 1				
Francestown and New Boston, 1				
KEEN, 1	Timothy Ellis, Esq'r,	88	21	7: 15: 4
Charleston, 1	Elijah Grout, Esq'r,	114	15	6: 8: 0
Walpole, 1	John Bellows, Esq'r,	103	15	6: 4: 4
Westmoreland, 1	Heber Miller, Esq'r,	96	29	10: 12: 0
Richmond, 1	Capt. Oliver Capron,	100	23	8: 11: 4
Hinsdale & Chesterfield, 1	Mr. Archibald Robinson,	100	32	11: 5: 4
Marlow, Surrey, and Alstead, 1	Nath'l Sartel Prentice, Esq'r,	100	32	11: 5: 4
Packersfield, Camden, Stoddard & Gilsom, 1	Mr. Joseph Rounseval,	85	9	4: 2: 4
Dublin and Monadnock No. 5, 1	Mr. Eliphalet Stone,	78		
Rindge, Jaffrey, & Peterboro' Slip, 1	Enoch Hale, Esq'r,	72	23	8: 2: 0
Cornish, Plainfield, Protectworth & Grantham, 1	Moses Chase, Esq'r,	130		
Winchester, 1				
Claremont, 1				
Swanzey and Fitz Wm., 1				
Unity, Acworth, Lemster, Saville, Croydon & Newport, 1				
PLIMOUTH, Alexandria, Cockerm'th & New Chester, 1	Samuel Emerson, Esq'r,	85	16	6: 4: 4
Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton, 1	Daniel Brainard, Esq'r,	94	30	10: 11: 4

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

Towns and Places.	Names of Members.	Miles Traveled.	Days Attendance.	Pay.
Orford, Wentworth, Lyme, Dorchester, Piermont & Warren, 1 Haverhill, Lyman, Gunthwait, Bath, Landaff, Morriston, 1.... Hanover, Relhan, Lebanon, Canaan, Cardigan, & Grafton, 1........... Northumberland, Apthorp, Lancaster, Stratford, Cockburn, Conway, Colburn, Shelburne, and the Towns above, 1...............	Israel Morey, Esq'r,...........	120	24	£9: 4: 0

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 88.] A JOURNAL of the Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire, at their Session begun and held at Exeter in Said Colony on Wednesday the fifth day of June, A. Dom. 1776, by adjournment.

Wednesday June 5th 1776, at three o'clock afternoon.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Hawke & Sandown, Praying for a Precept to be sent them to choose & send a Representative to this Court, being read,

Voted, That the Prayer thereof be granted.

Read sundry letters for Philadelphia &c.

Voted, That John Dudley & Samuel Cutts Esqr^{s}, be a Committee to Examine how much Silver and Gold Coin there is in the Treasury & make report as soon as may be.—Which Committee made report That there is now in the Treasury in Silver and Gold Coin £859: 12: 0 Lawf^{1} money.

Voted That Dr. Dearborn, Capt. Prentice & Mr. Jacob Abbot be a Com^{tee} of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Draft a Vote concerning the Procuring fire arms for the use of this Colony, and present the same to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn. Adjourned.

Thursday, June 6th, 1776.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen in this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult what business is most necessary to be Imediately Entered upon and to make report to this house as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice, Col^{o} Walker, James Bellows Esq^{r}, Richard Downing Esq^{r} & John Dudley Esq^{r} be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom and the Secre^{y} added.]

Which Committee being joined by a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board, made the following Report, viz:

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider what Business is necessary to be done this Session, Recommend the following things, viz, A Table of Fees to be compleated; A Determination about opening Courts of Law; The Civil List to be filled up and Commissions for the Several Courts to be made out; An Act to Enforce the payment of the Colony Taxes and others; An Act to Prevent the Alteration and Counterfeiting the bills of Credit of this and the Neighboring Colonies and to make the bills of Credit of said Colonies, a Legal Tender; An Act to Regulate Taxation, and for the Sum to be raised this year; An Act to Regulate the Militia; An Act for abolishing the Court of Appeals in this Colony, and for Determining how Appeals shall be made and heard from Decrees of the Judges of Probate for the Future: [P. 89.] That the Persons who have laid out the Colony's money may be compell'd to render accounts thereof, that the sending our accounts to Philadelphia be no longer Delay'd, and that Attested Accounts of the Numbers of the People be procured Imediately; Necessary Orders to be made out for raising the Continental Battallion;—Some Directions about Salt Petre to be given;—Directions in what Name Writs &c shall Issue: A Resolve that all Persons be Prosecuted who after the Sitting of the Courts of Sessions in the respective Counties shall sell Liquors without License, and that no person be Licenced without producing a Certificate that they have paid their Excise for the year 1775.—An Act for the better observation of the Lord's Day; An Act imposing a fine on all Justices of Peace and Ministers for Joining Persons in wedlock without a Certificate from the Clerk or Clerks of the Towns where the Persons Married live, that they have been Lawfully Published;—To revise the late Highway Act—To make the Courts of Probate Circular; Some further Directions about Fire Arms; An Act for making Captures on the Sea &c. and for Condemning them, and to Commission the Judge and Register of the Admiralty.

(Signed) M. Thornton, Chairman.

Voted, That Deacon Nahum Baldwin be Muster master to the forces raised and to be raised in this Colony for the Current year, and untill further order of this Court. Sent up by Dea. Baldwin.

Order to Capt. Henry Gerrish.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. III. p. 278.]

In Committee of Safety at
Exeter, the 6^th^ of June, 1776.

Capt. Henry Gerrish of Boscawen is hereby appointed Muster-Master to Muster Capt. Jeremiah Clough's Company, and to administer the following Oath, viz:

I, A. B. Swear, I will truly and faithfully serve in the New Hampshire Troops to which I belong for the defence and Security of the Estate, lives and property of the good People of this & the Sister Colonies in America in opposition to ministerial Tyranny, by which they are or may be oppressed & to all other Enemies & opposers whatsoever, and that I will adhere to the Rules and Regulations of Said Army, observe & obey the General and other officers set over me & disclose and make known to Said Officers all Traitors, conspiracies, attempts and designs whatsoever which I shall know to be made against said army or any of the English American Colonies.

So HELP ME GOD.

Capt. Henry Gerrish:—Sir, you are desired to muster the above mention'd Company and make return to this Committee as soon as may be; you will observe Every officer and soldier must repeat the Oath.

[P. 90.] Friday, June 7th 1776.

Voted, That Quarter master Gains furnish Col° David Gilman with what Powder shall be necessary to clear (1) the Rocks out of the Fort now building at Great Island. Sent up by Col° David Gilman. [Concurred.]

[P. 91.] Voted that George Gains Esqr & Capt William Trefethen be a Comitte of this house to repair to Boston and other parts of the Massachusetts Bay to search for, Enquire after & receive of the Commanding officer or any other Person or Persons who may have in their care and Possession any Cannon belonging to this Colony, According to a resolve of the Continental Congress; and also to receive the Powder sent by this Colony to the Continental Army, and to transport the said Cannon to Portsmouth in this Colony, and the Powder to Exeter, on the most reasonable Terms, & as soon as may be. Sent up by Dea. Baldwin. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted That Col° Samuel Sherburne, Richard Downing Esqr Col° Stephen Evens, Capt. Josiah Moulton, Samuel Dudley Esqr Capt. Pierce Long and Major Tash be a Committee of this house, who with a Committee of the Honble Board are Desired and Impowered to Exchange Paper Currency for Gold and Silver for the use of this Colony, and report what Sums they do or can Exchange as soon as may be. Sent up by Col° Sherburne. [Concurred.]

[P. 92.] The following Vote of Council was bro't from the Board.

Colony of New Hampr } In Council June 7th 1776.

Resolved, That Nicholas Gilman Esqr Treasurer & Receiver General of this Colony, be and hereby is fully authorized & Impowered to receive and take in all those paper bills of Credit Emitted on the Credit of said Colony, bearing Interest, and to pay such Interest to the time of such Exchange, and charge the Amount of said Interest in his Account with said Colony, and that the Treasurer give notice of this Order as soon as may be. Sent down for Concurrence.

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(1) In the Records of Council, the word is "blow."—ED.

E. Thompson, Secy.

In the House of Representatives, June 7th 1776.

The above Vote or Resolve of Council being read Voted That the same be concurred. P. White, Speakr.

Voted to build a Bridge from the Westerly End of New Castle to Wards Island & from thence to Adam's Island so called, or some where across the Water so as to secure a retreat for our Forces to be Stationed at New Castle in case of a defeat, and that Mr. Baldwin, Major Downing and Colo Walker be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to Look out and Discover the best place where, and the manner how the said Bridge shall be built and to make report thereon to this Court as soon as may be. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

Voted that Colo Walker, Major Downing, Major Kelley, Mr. John Smith 3d, Capt. Long, Maj. Bellows, Capt. Wilson, Mr. Emerson, & Deacon Knowles be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to Nominate to this House Three Persons for Colonel, Three for Lieut. Colo & three for Major of the regiment now to be raised in this Colony on the Continental Establishment, For this house to nominate one out of each three for the said offices. Sent up by Colo Walker. [Concurred. Mr. Thornton Mr. Folsom & the Secy joined.]

[P. 93.] Voted That Samuel Dudley Esqr Timothy Walker Esqr & Saml Cutts Esqr be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble board to Nominate to this house three persons proper & Qualified for a recorder of Deeds & Conveyances for the County of Rockingham, that this house may appoint one of the said three persons (if they see cause) to the said office. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom & the Secy added.]

Saturday, June 8th, 1776.

[In Council, June 8th, 1776]

Upon reading the Petition of Hugh Tallant Voted That the Committee of the Town of Pelham be directed forthwith to use their utmost Endeavours to protect the said Hugh Tallant from the violence of any & every person on his body or Estate until there can be an opportunity for some Civil Magistrate to take the Cognizance of his Compt; and also whenever any process may Issue from a Civil authority that they use their Endeavours to apprehend any persons accused, that there may be an impartial Enquiry & Justice done, and that in this day of public Calamity and distress, they would assist their Brethren in the Colony to keep peace and good order in the Same. [Sent down for concurrence.]

Voted, That Theophilus Dame Esqr be Appointed first Colonel of the Battallion now to be raised in this Colony to be on the Continental Establishment, and that Colo David Gilman be Lieutenant Colonel, and Major James Hackett be Major of said Battallion. [Reconsidered]

Adjourned to Monday the 10th Inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Accts allowed, petitions, acts, &c. passed on, in the House and concurred, from June 5th to June 9th, 1776.

Petition of John Robertson for wages; lay for consideration.

Dr. Isaac Thorn, allowed £3: 5: 10 for medicine &c. for John Simpson & John Foster.

Petition of Richard Emms, John Frasier & James Taylor—referred.

Capt. Ebenezer Dearing's Roll, allowed £99: 1: 7½.

Capt. Rich. Emms a prisoner allow'd £20: 0: 0, with leave to depart the country, for West Indias. John Frazier & James Taylor to depart the country to West India Islands.

Capt. John Calfe's acct £2: 11: 0, allowed.

Capt. Titus Salters two Pay-rolls alld £246: 0: 1 and £197: 15: 0.

Wages of John Griffith, a soldier in Capt. Dearing's Co. alld.

Petitions against Lt. Col. Folsom, dismissed.

Petition of Sarah Lutwyche, about a Ferry, granted in her favor.

George Gains Quarr-master, paid £400. to be accounted for.

Saml Robey, a soldier, allowed £1: 18: 8.

John Hunter, allowed £4: 13: 0 for money lost.

Comtee to examine Jona. Parker, about allowing bills &c.

Saml Cutts, Commissary, allowed £600: 0: 0, to be accounted for.

James Aiken, allowed for a Coat lost at Bunker hill, £3: 0: 0.]

[P. 94.] Monday, June 10th, P. M.

Voted, That the price of good Merchantable Salt Petre that shall be manufactured in this Colony and bro't in to Doct. Josiah Gilman, or the receiver thereof for this Colony for the Time being, for the space of one year from & after the eighth day of June Instant, shall be four shillings per pound to be paid out of the Treasury upon the said receiver's Certificate, the Manufacturer or Producer of the said Salt Petre to be under oath that the same was manufactured in this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Clough. Adjourned.

Letter from Col. David Gilman.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 280.]

To the Honorable the Generall Assembly for the
Collony of New Hampshire.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE—

When I was appointed to the arduous though agreeable Command of the troops at this place, it was with the greatest satisfaction I accepted the command; though conscious to myself unequal to the important trust reposed in me, yet Desirous of serving my Country in general and Collony in particular, chearfully entred the service, willing to venture my life and all in the cause of my Injured Country; all which time I have been in the service, I think I can appeal to God, have endeavoured to do my Duty both to the Collony and troops under my command: But sum how or other I seem to have lost the Love and Confidence of a considerable Part of that Honorable Body, from whom I have received so many signall Honours, in that they have preferred a Gentleman before me whose Carrecter Dus not stand so cleare in this time of Difficulty as I could wish; for I am of the opinion that we stand in need of the wisdom and millitary accomplishments of every person, of which that gentleman by information has a great share, whether the charges against him are just I Dont Pretend to say; but suposing they are, what will be the consequence? Dus not our all Depend upon officers and men in Public affairs being hearty in the Cause? Has not the Honorable the Continental Congress advised that no suspected Persons be put in Places of trust? Surely Gentlemen, it is a matter of the utmost Importance to us to keep out all unfriendly Parsons; is there not enough that we know to be friendly without taking these that have never appeared in the Publick cause: Gentlemen, I would not presume to Dictate so worthy a body of men, but only give my Poor advise as a member of society who expects to Rise or fall with you, and hope you will well consider the matter, and as I think it a Diminution of my Honour to fall from a Coll^o to a L^t Coll^o would beg that that vote appointing Capt. Dame Coll^o, might be reconsidered and I have the Indulgence of the Court to come to cleare up sum things that I understand Laboured in the minds of sum worthy members Relative to my conduct, so as to stand upon an equall footing with others, which is the Prayer of your most
obedient and verry Humble servant

DAVID GILMAN.

Head Quarters at Portsmouth,
June y^e 10th 1776.

Tuesday, June 11th 1776.

Read the Form of the Commission for the Chief Justice of the Superiour Court, and Voted that the same be Transcribed, Sealed with the Colony Seal, and Delivered to the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq.

Voted, That Samuel Cutts, Timothy Walker and John Dudley Esq^{rs} be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to make a Dra't of a Declaration of this General Assembly for INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED COLONIES, on Great Britain. Sent up by Mr. Kimball.

In Council, June 11th 1776.

A Vote appointing Sam^{l} Cutts, Timothy Walker & John Dudley a Committee with such as the Board should join, to make a Draft of a Declaration of the General Assembly for INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED COLONIES on Great Britain, bro't up, read & Concurred with this Amendment, That the sentiments & opinion of the Council & Assembly of this Colony relative to the United Colonies forming themselves into Independent States in order that when passed the same may be transmitted to our Delegates at the Continental Congress, and that Messrs. Hurd, Claggett & the Sec^{y} be added to the Committee. [Concurred by the House.]

Voted, That the Persons hereafter named be appointed to their respective offices hereafter mentioned, viz. Samuel Sherburne & Peirse Long Esq^{rs} of Portsmouth, Enoch Coffin Esq^{r} of Epping, Samuel Jenness & Amos Seavey Esq^{rs} of Rye, Winthrop Gove Esq^{r} of Seabrook, Enoch Brown Esq^{r} of Poplin, Moses Bennett & John Bell Esq^{rs} of Londonderry, Daniel Ladd & Jeremiah Eastman Esq^{r} of Deerfield, John Simpson Esq^{r} of New Castle, Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham, and Jonathan Moulton, Esq^{r} of Hampton, a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for said County of Rockingham, and Josiah Moulton the third, a Justice of the Peace for said County of Rockingham.

That John Garland of Barrington, David Sandborn of Sanbornton, Valentine Mathes of Durham, James Knowles of Rochester, Joseph Roberts of the Gore, Henry Rust of Wolf- [P. 94.] borough, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

That Jacob Abbot of Wilton, Joshua Bailey of Hopkinton, Andrew Fuller of Lyndsborough, William Smith of Peterborough, Robert McGregore of Goffstown, John Robie of Weare, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough, and John Goffe Esq^{r} a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for said County of Hillsborough.

That Col^{o} Isaac Wyman of Weare, William Hayward of Charleston, Heber Miller of Westmoreland, Ephraim Baldwin of Chesterfield, Joseph Hammond of Swanzey, Joseph Greenwood of Dublin, Nathaniel Sartel Prentice of Alstead, and Obadiah Wilcox of Surrey, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

That Josiah Clark of Nottingham, Ezekiel Worthen of Kensington, John Graham of Chester, Samuel Allison of Londonderry, Jesse Morrill of Salem and John Morrison of Wyndham, be Coroners for the County of Rockingham.

That David Page of Conway be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton. Sent up by Dn. Baldwin.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

In Council, June 12th, 1776.

A vote appointing a Number of Civil Officers bro't up, read & concurred with this amendment or addition, viz. That Nicholas Gilman & John Rice, Esqrs of Exeter, Zacheus Clough Esqr of Poplin be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; Samuel Livermore Esqr be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the Colony; That Charles Huntoon Esqr of Unity, Moses Whipple Esqr of Croydon, Henry Silsby, Esqr of Acworth, Elijah Bingham Esqr of Lempster, Josiah Stevens Esqr of Newport & Thomas Moore Esqr of Dublin, be Justices of the peace for the County of Cheshire; Abel Chandler Esqr of Piermont be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton; and that John Harvel of Litchfield be a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough, and that Asa Davis Esqr of Nottingham West, & Moses Greeley Esqr of Goffstown be Justices of the Peace for said County of Hillsborough. Sent down for Concurrence.

Voted, That John Taylor Gilman be joined to the Committee for Examining and adjusting Accounts for and against this Colony in the room of Capt. John Emery who is gone out of the Country—This vote having past in Council this day and sent down—is concurred by the House.

Voted, to concur an amendment made by the Council on the vote of this day for a Committee to make a Dra't of a Declaration of Independence, &c.

Voted, That Major James Hackett be the first officer of the Battallion now to be raised in this Colony on the Continental Establishment, That Major Thomas Tash be the second officer, and Major David Copp be the third officer of said Battallion. [Reconsidered.]

Letter from Selectmen of Hanover, relating to poll-tax.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 282.]

Hanover, 11th June, 1776.

SIR—

Since we received your Warrant for a Province Tax, we have had credible Information from sundry Persons that a Resolve was passed last. winter by the Congress of this Colony, whereby Persons in the

Army were excused from paying their Poll-tax; and that each Town should be excused from so much of their proportion of the Province Tax as the Poll-Tax of such Persons should amount to, on the Selectmen's returning to the Committee of Safety for the Colony the number of Persons belonging to their Town so employed.

Agreeable to directions from the Congress we last Fall made such return of the number of persons belonging to this Town which were employed in the Army last year, viz. twenty two, and the Poll Tax for the Colony Rate in this Town is one shilling and six pence for each person. In conformity to which we have retained thirty-three shillings (for the Benefit of those Persons) out of the sum express'd in your Warrant, apprehending it agreeable to the design of the Congress,—the remainder being twelve pounds nineteen shillings we send you by the Bearer.

If we have erred herein 'tis undesigned as we have not seen such resolve ourselves, nor heard that any copy of it has been in this Town; but rely solely on the testimony of others respecting it. If we have committed any mistake herein, please suggest it, and we will use our Endeavour to have it rectified.

Your most obedient
and humble Servants,
ICHABOD TROWBER } Selectmen
EDWARD SMITH } of Hanover

Col° Gilman.

Wednesday, June 12th, 1776.

Voted, That a Committee of Two members of this House be chosen to confer with a Committee of the Honble Board upon the mode of Raising the Battallion now to be raised in this Colony upon the Continental Establishment, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; and that Col. Badger, Col. Morey, Col. Sherburne, Jonathan Lovewell Esqr and Col. Hale be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col. Evans. [Concurred. Messrs. Folsom, Blanchard Ashley & the Secretary added.]

In Council, June 12, 1776.

A vote bro't up appointing James Hacket, Col. and Thomas Tash, Lt. Col., and David Copp Major of the Continental Battallion to be raised here, which was read and concurred with this amendment, That James Hackett Esqr, Thomas Tash Esqr and David Copp, Esquire, be nominated to Honble Continental Congress as the Persons recommended by this Colony to be appointed Colonel, Lieut. Colonel and Major of the Continental Battallion ordered to be raised here. Sent down for concurrence.

Voted That the amendment of the Honble Council on the vote appointing Officers for the New Battallion &c. be concurred.

The Address and Petition of Maj^r James Hackett.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. III. p. 284.]

GEN^tn—

Permit me to return you my most hearty thanks for the Honour you have conferred upon me in the appointment to the chief command of a Regiment to be raised in the service of the United Colonies, and to be Station'd for the safeguard & protection of this Colony in particular; while I feel myself obliged and Honoured by your appointment, I cannot but lament that the chief Command was not bestowed on Mr. Dame your former choice—a Gentleman of superior skill and military reputation, whose judgment and experience is equal to the important office—my highest ambition would be to serve as second in Command under the above Gentleman, if this Hon^ble House would think proper to make such an arrangement. I rather urge it knowing it would be for the benefit of the service and the honour of this Province in particular; but if after this my most earnest solicitation in favour of Mr. Dame, you should Still think proper to continue me in the chief command be assured my utmost Endeavours shall not be wanting to promote the good of my Country in a faithful & Diligent discharge of my Duty. While I Express the warmest Inclination for the service, I must at the same time acknowledge myself inadequate to the Task. I have had all the hardships of a Soldier without the experience of a General. If I should be found wanting in military skill, I shall hope for your & the publick Indulgence. A faithful Discharge of my Duty, the publick good, and the happiness of those under my command, will alway be the object of my peculiar care and attention.

I am with great Respect,
Gent^n, your most obliged & hu^bl Serv^t,
JAMES HACKETT.

Exeter, June 13^th 1776.

To the Hon^ble the Council & Assembly
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Voted That John Dudley Esq^r Capt. Harriman & Major Bartlett be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^ble Board to consult upon the Expediency of Delivering out Powder from the Colony Stores to the Several Colonels or Captains, or Selectmen of the several Towns, and if expedient, then how & in what manner, and on what conditions the same shall be Delivered out, and to make report to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by John Dudley, Esq^r.

Voted Enoch Hale, Esq be a Justice of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire.

Voted That Samuel Hayward of New Ipswich Zaccheus Chandler of Bedford, Augustus Blanchard of Merrimac, and Seth Cobb of Temple, be Coroners for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted That Samuel Gustin of Marlow, Moses Hale of Rindge, & Silas Thompson of Chesterfield be Coroners for the County of Cheshire.

Voted That Nathaniel Cooper of Dover be a Coroner for the County of Strafford.

Voted That Jonathan Child Esq^r be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton, and that John Sloane be a Coroner for said County of Grafton.

Voted That Jeremiah Lock of Rye and Simon Wiggin of Stratham, be Coroners for the County of Rockingham. (7 votes) Sent up by Maj^r Bartlett, and concurred.

Voted That Deacon Samuel Brooks of Exeter be and hereby is chosen and appointed Recorder of Deeds and Conveyances for the County of Rockingham (in the room & Stead of Mr. Joseph Peirce who was chosen and refuses to accept) and that he be and hereby is authorized to Finish whatever remains yet to be done as fully to all Intents as the [P. 97.] late recorder, or any of his Predecessors might have done; and that he shall not be Qualified to act in said office untill he hath given bond with two Sureties Jointly & Severally to the Hon^ble the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds Lawful money for the faithful Discharge of his said office: and that Noah Emery, Benjamin Baker and Samuel Dudley Esq^r members of the House of Representatives, and Nathaniel Folsom and Josiah Bartlett, Esq^r of the Hon^ble Council, or the Major part of them be a Committee to take the books & papers belonging to said office, into their custody, in case of the Death or Incapacity of the said Brooks, and them safely to keep untill further order of the General Assembly; and to receive Deeds and make the usual Notations thereon. Sent up by Maj^r Bartlett. [Concurred.]

The following Vote was past the 10^th Instant but not entered in its proper place:

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join with a Committee of the Hon^ble Board to frame, Draw up & present to this house the following Acts and Laws for this Colony, viz.

1. An Act for establishing a Table of Fees for the several Officers in [P. 98.] this Colony.

2^d An Act or Resolve for opening the Courts of Justice.

3^d An Act to Enforce the payment of Taxes in this Colony.

4th An Act to prevent the alteration & Counterfeiting the bills of Credit of this and neighbouring Colonies and to make said bills of Credit a Legal Tender.

5. An Act to Regulate Taxation and to Ascertain the Sum to be raised as Colony Tax for the Current year.

6. An Act Regulating the Militia.

7. An Act for Abolishing the Court of Appeals in this Colony, and for Determining how and by whom Appeals shall be made and heard from Decrees of the Judges of Probate in this Colony in future.

8. An Act or Resolve In what Name & in what form Wills & Processes shall be issued in future.

9. An Act for the Better Observation of the Lord's Day.

10. An Act to impose a fine on all Justices of the Peace & Ministers of the Gospel who shall Presume to join Persons in Matrimony without Certificate from the Clerk or Clerks of the Towns or places where the Persons so married Live—That they have been Lawfully Published.

11. An Act to revive the late Highway Act.

12. An Act to make the Courts of Probate Circular.

13. An Act for making Captures on the Seas, & for condemning them and to regulate the Trials of said Captures.

14. An Act to Prevent the stopping or obstructing the Course or Passage of Fish into the several Rivers, Brooks and Ponds in this Colony where Fish usually passed.

And that Timothy Walker & Matthew Patten Esqrs & Mr. John Smith be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Clagett, and Mr. Giles added.] Adjourned.

Thursday, June 13th 1776.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to confer upon a mode of raising the Battallion ordered by the Continental Congress, made Report.

That they would recommend the appointmemt of Eight Persons, most likely to Enlist the men and Perform the service and give out orders for each to Enlist a Company, with Liberty for them to [p. 99.] Name subalterns to serve under them, To be Commissionated if they raise the Companys.

(Signed) M. Thornton, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted that the same be rec'd & accepted.

Voted, To choose a Committee of sixteen Persons to join a Committee of the Honble Board to Nominate to this House, sixteen Persons, Eight of which to Enlist the men for the Battallion to be raised by order of the Continental Congress, and to make the said Nomination as soon as may be, and that Col. Sherburne, Col. Evens, Capt. Worthen, Samuel Dudley Esq^{r}, Samuel Kimball, Dr. Nichols, Mr. John Bell, John Dudley Esq^{r} Matthew Patten Esq^{r}, Col. Badger, Col. Walker, Maj^{r} Ellis, Mr. Shattuck Mr. Grout, Mr. Emerson, & Col. Morey be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin. [Concurred.—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Giles, Mr. Ashley and the Sec^{y} added by the Board.]

Voted, That all Bonds, Recognizances, & Securities for moneys or any other Forfeitures heretofore usually given to the King, shall henceforward be given and taken to the present Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker for the time being, for the use of the Colony, and when the matter relates to any Particular County, upon Non-performance of the Condition that the Penalty shall and may be sued for and recovered in the Name of said Speaker for the use of such County. Sent up by the Clerk. Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

P. M.

[P. 100.] Voted That Mark Wiggin of Stratham, John Brewster of Rochester, Moses Leavitt of North Hampton, James Hill of Newmarket, Joseph Dearborn of Chester, Stephen Peabody of Amherst, John Calfe of Kingston and Ebenezer Webster (1) of Salisbury be appointed Captains in the Battallion now to be raised in this Colony on the Continental Establishment. Sent up by the Clerk.

Friday, June 14th 1776.

Voted, To raise five thousand Pounds for the Colony Tax for the Current year, to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates within this Colony, and to be Collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of March next. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

Received a Letter from the Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^{r} Enclosing the Resolves and Requisition of the Continental Congress, about raising the Militia &c. to send to Canada, and sent the same up to the Board by Mr. Cutts. Adjourned to 3. P. M.

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(1) Ebenezer Webster was the father of Hon. Daniel and Ezekiel Webster.—Ed.

Letter of Hon. John Hancock to the General Assembly of New Hampshire.

[Amer. Ar. 4 ser. Vol. VI. p. 707.]

Philadelphia, June 4, 1776.

GENTLEMEN:—Our affairs are hastening fast to a crisis, and the approaching campaign will, in all probability, determine forever the fate of America.

Such is the unrelenting spirit which possesses the tyrant of Britain and his Parliament, that they have left no measure unessayed that had a tendency to accomplish our destruction. Not satisfied with having lined our coasts with ships of war, to starve us into a surrender of our liberties, and to prevent us from being supplied with arms and ammunition, they are now about to pour in a number of foreign troops, who, from their want of connections and those feelings of sympathy which frequently bind together the different parts of the same empire, will be more likely to do the business of their masters without remorse or compunction.

By the best intelligence from Canada, it appears that our affairs in that quarter wear a melancholy aspect. Should the Canadians and Indians take up arms against us (which there is too much reason to fear) we shall then have the whole force of that country to contend with, joined to that of Great Britain and all her foreign auxiliaries. In this situation, what steps must we pursue? Our Continental troops alone are unable to stem the torrent; nor is it possible at this day to raise and discipline men ready to take the field by the time they will be wanted.

From the secresy with which the Ministry carry on their machinations, we neither know their views, or how near our enemies may be. Perhaps at this moment they are landing on some part of our Country. In this difficult and trying situation of our affairs, the Congress have come to the enclosed Resolves, which I have it in command to transmit you by Express, containing matters of the greatest importance, and to which I beg leave to request your attention. You will there find the Congress have judged it necessary to call upon the Militia at this alarming crisis.

Should the United Colonies be able to keep their ground this Campaign I am under no apprehensions on account of any future one. We have many disadvantages at present to struggle with, which time and progress in the art of war will remove. But this circumstance should arouse us to superiour exertions on the occasion. The Militia of the United Colonies are a body of troops that may be depended upon. To their virtue, their Delegates in Congress now make the most solemn appeal. They are called upon to say whether they will live slaves or die freemen. They are requested to step forth in defence of their wives, their children, their liberty, and every thing they hold dear. The cause is certainly a most glorious one, and I trust every man in the Colony of New Hampshire is determined to see it gloriously ended, or perish in the ruins of it. In short, on your exertions at this critical period together with those of the other Colonies in the common cause, the salvation of America now evidently depends.

Your Colony, I am persuaded, will not be behindhand. Exert, therefore, every nerve to distinguish yourselves. Quicken your preparations, and stimulate the good people of your Government, and there is no danger, notwithstanding the mighty armament with which we are threatened, but you will be able to lead them to victory, to liberty, and to happiness.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient and very humble servant.

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

To the Honourable Convention
of New Hampshire.

Letter from N. H. Delegates in Congress to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[Amer. Ar. 4 ser. Vol. VI. p. 708.]

Philadelphia, June 4, 1776.

SIR: We wrote you the 28th Ultimo since which Congress have resolved to send a further reinforcement into Canada. Seven hundred and fifty men, including officers, will be required of our Colony to serve as Militia until the 1st of December, the officers to be commissioned by the Colony. It is absolutely necessary our posts should be supported in that Country, for should the enemy get possession, we should certainly have a long and troublesome war on our hands; but if we are successful, which by proper exertions and Divine assistance there is no doubt of, this campaign will place us out of the reach of their malice. You will receive the resolution respecting this reinforcement from the President. The money mentioned in our last is not yet gone forward, not having had an opportunity, but to leave in a few days.

We are, with great respect, your most obedient servants,

WILLIAM WHIPPLE,
JOSIAH BARTLETT.

To Meshech Weare, Esq.

Resolution of Congress.

[Amer. Ar. 4 ser. Vol. VI. p. 1693.]

Resolved, That six thousand Militia be employed to reinforce the Army in Canada, and to keep up the communication with that Province. To make up which number

Resolved, That the Colony of Massachusetts Bay be requested to

supply of their Militia,	3000—4 Battalions
Connecticut, of their Militia	1.500—2 Battalions
New Hampshire, of their Militia	750—1 Battalion
New York, of their Militia	750—1 Battalion.

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 286.]

Philadelphia, 14 June 1776.

SIR—

This goes by the Person who carries the Money mentioned in a former letter, which was order'd for the advance wages, and defraying the charge of Raising the Regiment to be station'd at Portsm°. The sum ordered is 10,500 Dol^s 500 Dol^s of which Wm. Whipple has taken, which he desires may be replaced out of the Treasury and charged to him. 10,000 Dol^s is in a Box directed to you; there is in the same Box, 10,000 Dol^s for John Langdon Esq^r which please to advise him of.

We are with great respect
Your most ob^t Serv^{ts} (1)
JOSIAH BARTLETT.

100 sheets of 72 Dol^s	is	7200
70 Do. of 40 Do.	is	2800
		10,000

Friday, June 14th P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That this house Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole house to join the Council or such of their members as they shall appoint, to Converse together concerning the requisition of the Continental Congress for a Battalion to be raised and sent from this Colony to Canada, and any other matters concerning raising and Equipping the said Battallion:

Which Committee of the whole House being joined by the Committee of the whole Board; The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^r in the Chair, and conferring on the Premises, came to the following Resolution, viz: That there be forthwith raised and Equipped in this Colony a Regiment of seven hundred and fifty men Including officers,—and that each non-Commissioned officer and soldier receive a Bounty of Six Pounds. And the Question being put whether the Troops now on duty at & near New Castle &c. shall have leave to Enlist into the said Regiment or into the Continental Battallion, and a vote being put thereon it past in the Negative. Also Resolved that the officers and Soldiers have the same wages as the Continental Troops have.

[P. 101.] Voted to choose a Committee of sixteen members of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer together & Nominate to this House Proper Persons for Field Officers, and for Captains of the Regiment now to be raised for Canada, and how & in what manner the said Regiment shall be Enlisted and Equipt, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; and that Maj^r Barker, Col^o Baker, Capt Moulton, Mr. Wheeler, Robert Wilson

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(1) This letter appears to be mutilated. The address is wanting, and probably the name of Wm. Whipple is cut off.—ED.

Esqr James Betton Esqr Majr Philbrick, Mr. Abbott, Majr Kelley, Colo Hale, Mr. Robinson, Colo Gerrish Colo Smith, Majr Bellows, Colo Morey and Mr. Brainard be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Rollins. [Concurred—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Blanchard & the Secy added.]

Saturday, June 15th, 1776.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to prepare a Draught setting forth the sentiments & opinion of the Council and Assembly of this Colony relative to the United Colonies setting up an INDEPENDENT STATE made Report as on file—which report being read and considered,

Voted Unanimously, That the Report of said Committee be received and accepted, and that the Dra't by them bro't in be sent to our Delegates at the Continental Congress forthwith, as the sence of this House. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

INDEPENDENCE.

[P. 102.] *The Draft made by the Committee of both Houses, relating to Independency, is as follows, viz:*

Whereas it now appears an undoubted Fact, That Notwithstanding all the dutiful Petitions and Decent Remonstrances from the American Colonies, and the utmost Exertions of their best Friends in England on their Behalf, The British Ministry, Arbitrary & Vindictive, are yet Determined to Reduce by Fire and Sword our Bleeding Country, to their absolute obedience; and for this Purpose, in Addition to their own forces, have Engaged great Numbers of Foreign Mercenaries, who may now be on their passage here, accompanied by a Formidable Fleet to Ravage and Plunder the Sea-Coast; From all which we may reasonably Expect the most dismal Scenes of Distress the ensuing year, unless we Exert ourselves by every means & Precaution possible; And Whereas We of this Colony of New Hampshire have the Example of several of the most Respectable of our Sister Colonies before us for Entering upon that most Important Step of a DISUNION from Great Britain, and Declaring ourselves FREE and INDEPENDENT of the Crown thereof,—being Impelled thereto by the most violent & Injurious Treatment; and it appearing absolutely Necessary in this most Critical Juncture of our Public Affairs, that the Honble the Continental Congress, who have this Important Object under their Immediate Consideration, should be also Informed of our Resolutions thereon without loss of Time : WE DO, therefore Declare that it is the opinion of this Assembly that our Delegates at the Continental Congress should be Instructed, and they are hereby Instructed to join with the other Colonies in Declaring THE THIRTEEN UNITED COLONIES, A FREE & INDEPENDENT STATE : Solemnly Pledging our Faith & Honor, That we will on our parts Support the Measure with our Lives and Fortunes ;—and that in consequence thereof, They, the Continental Congress, on whose Wisdom, Fidelity & Integrity we rely, May enter into and form such Alliances as they may Judge most conducive to the Present Safety and Future advantage of THESE AMERICAN COLONIES : *Provided*, the Regulation of our Internal Police be under the direction of our own Assembly.

✓ Entered according to the Original,

Att : NOAH EMERY, Clk, D. Rep^{s}.

[P. 103.] Voted, That Deacon Nahum Baldwin, Capt. Prentice, Matthew Patten, Esq^{r} Col. Hale and Mr. Grout be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to give out Enlisting orders to the several officers of the Regiment now to be raised for Canada, and to Commissionate the officers and make all Necessary Preparations for, and Equip the said Regiment as soon as Possible. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin [concurred—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom Mr. Blanchard & the Sec^{y} added.]

Adjourned to Monday next 10 o'clock forenoon.

Acc^{ts}, petitions, &c. acted on & concurred, between the 10th & 17th of June, 1776.

Doct. Samuel Greeley, allowed £6: 0: 2. for his son Joseph wounded at Bunker Hill fight.

Committee of Safety of Greenland, paid £13: 8.

Petition of Hon. Wm. Parker, for last year's salary referred to a Committee. Allow'd £10.

Petition of Selectmen of Marlow & the Selectmen of Stoddard concerning taxes—Voted, That all settlers within the original East line of Marlow pay taxes to Marlow until the title to the Land in dispute is determin'd by law.

Petition from Society Lands, praying to be incorporated by certain bounds,—lay for consideration.

Capt. Benj. Connor's claim for bounty on Salt petre, referred to a Committee.

Petition of Lydia McCrellis, in reference to a Doctor's bill referred.

Daniel Fowle's acct, allowed, £5: 14.

Monday June 17th 1776.

P. M.

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to confer with a Committee of the Honble Board on the Expediency of furnishing the Town of Chesterfield with Powder to Defend themselves against the attempts and Assaults of all Persons who appear by their conduct Enimical to this Country, and to make report to this house as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice, Major Bellows & Doctor Dearborn be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Doctr Dearborn. [Concurred—Messrs. Blanchard, Ashley & Giles added.] Adjourned.

Tuesday, June 18th 1776.

Voted That half a Barrel of gunpowder be Delivered out of the Powder house in Exeter, to the Selectmen of Chesterfield on their order for the use of said Town of Chesterfield, and that the said Selectmen of Chesterfield or some person in their stead give a receit therefor, and Promise to account with the Treasurer of this Colony for the same. Sent up by Mr. Robinson. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board, to confer together And Nominate to this House certain Persons to take the hard money now Collected in this Colony, and carry the same to Genl Schuyler at Ticonderoga or wherever he may be found, for the support & supply of our Troops in Canada, and to make report as soon as may be, and that Major Bartlett, Capt. Long and Deacon Baldwin be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin. [Concurred—Messrs. Thornton, Blanchard & Giles added.]

Letter to Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 288.]

Exeter, 17th June, 1776.

Sir—

Your Honor's Letter of the 30th April past was duly receiv'd, in wch you request from this Colony some supply of hard money towards the support of the Expedition into Canada. A Committee was immediately appointed for the purpose, who have collected several hundred pounds wch with what we had in the Treasury may amount to upwards of £1000, and shall be sent off without delay to General Schuyler.

Agreeable to your Directions we shall draw for the same amo^{t}. Mr. John Langdon we understand has collected about £900 more—all which may go together under proper guard. We shall be mindful to collect what further sums we possibly can, being very sensible of the Importance of supporting our Strength & Credit in Canada, that we ought to exert every nerve that our troops may not be compell'd to evacuate the Country.

We are also favor'd with y^{r} Honors spirited & animating Letter of the 4th June Curr^{t} pr Express, inclosing the Resolves of Congress for raising and employing certain Quotas of the Militia thro' the several Colonies—the contents of w^{ch} Letter will we trust make due Impression upon us.

That our affairs are hastening fast to a crisis & the approaching Campaign may in all probability determine the fate of America, we are truly apprehensive of, and will chearfully strain every sinew to maintain & prosecute so just a war on our side, till gloriously ended, or perish in the Ruins of it.

Our Assembly very readily voted the Quota of men assigned for this Colony, but knowing well the Difficulty of raising such a Body of Troops when we have so large a proportion already in the service, & so many employed in Husbandry & other Occupations absolutely necessary, tho't it most prudent to give a generous Bounty to induce men to inlist & accordingly resolved upon giving the Bounty of twenty Doll^{s} w^{ch} 'tis expected will effect the Business, and we shall lose no time to equip & get them away as fast as possible they can be rais'd.

We are much concerned to hear the bad acc^{ts} from Canada & to know the melancholy aspect of our affairs there, but we hope by vigorous Exertions & the favor of Providence the ensuing Campaign, to retrieve our Credit, recover lost ground, & obtain the wish'd for success.

In behalf of the Council & assembly, I am
with great Esteem & Respect,
Sir, your most obed^{t} hum^{l} serv^{t}.
(Copy) ——— ——— President.
To the Hon^{ble} John Hancock, Esq.

Letter from Josiah Bartlett to John Langdon.

(Extract.) [Amer. Ar. 4 Ser. Vol. VI. p. 1028.]

Philadelphia, June 17, 1776.

DEAR SIR—"Your favour of the —— instant is come to hand, and am sorry the news you mention from Quebeck is not true. Things have taken a very extraordinary turn in that country. The behaviour of Colonel Bedel and Major Butterfield is very extraordinary. No doubt you will hear the particulars before this reaches you. Dr. Franklin, Mr. Chase and Mr. Carroll are Returned from Canada. Their account of the behaviour of our New England officers and soldiers touches me to the quick. By their account men never behaved so badly; some regiments not having more than one hundred men, when it was expected there were six times that number;—Stealing and plundering arms, ammunition, military stores &c. and taking the batteaus and running off. One man, it is said, stole six guns, and to conceal them, broke the stocks to pieces, cut up a tent to make a knap-back to carry off the barrels, locks &c. and all is said to be owing to the officers. Unless our men behave better, we shall lose all our former credit, and be despised, by the whole continent. This is the account here I pray God it may not be so bad as is represented."

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

Letter from Commissioners in Canada to the President of Congress—(Extract).

[Amer. Ar. Vol. VI. p. 587.]

Montreal, May, 17, 1776.

"Colonel Bedel, who commands at the *Cedars*, a post of great consequence, about 36 miles from [Montreal] up the St. Lawrence, being informed by two Indians that a body of savages, about one hundred, headed by some English Soldiers, number unknown, were come within nine miles of this post, with an intention to attack it, brought this intelligence himself to town and left his Garrison, consisting of three hundred effective men. It is true, according to his account, they were badly provided to receive the enemy, and had been four days without any other provision than bread. This intellegence, we conceive, might have been communicated to the commanding officer here by any other person, as well as Colonel Bedell. Colonel Paterson, who now commands in Montreal, immediately ordered a detachment from his regiment, of one hundred & fifty men, to reinforce the Cedars; a fresh supply of provisions and ammunition was sent with his detachment. We apprehend the report to be altogether groundless, or occasioned by some very trifling circumstance."(1)

Resolve of Congress, relating to Cloathing for the Soldiers.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. III. p. 294.]

In Congress, June 19, 1776.

Whereas it is indispensably necessary for the good of the service that the soldiers of the United Colonies should be well provided with Blanketts & Cloathing;—therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies forthwith to cause a suit of cloaths of which the waistcoat and Breeches may be of Deer Leather, if to be had on reasonable terms, a Blanket, felt hat, two shirts, two pair of Hose and two pair of shoes to be manufactured or otherwise procured at reasonable rates in their respective Colonies for each soldier of the American Army inlisted therein for the present Campaign; and that the same be baled, invoiced and stor'd in suitable places to be delivered to the order of Congress or the Commander-in-Chief of the American army.

That sufficient sums of money be granted to the Assemblies and Conventions aforesaid on applying for the same to enable them to discharge the demands arising from the purchase of the Articles aforesaid.

That the Commander in chief of the American Army be impowered to draw on the said Assemblies and Conventions for such articles of

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(1) See a detailed account of the unfortunate affair of the surrender of the Fort at the Cedars, in Amer. Ar. 4 ser. Vol. VI. pp. 596, 599.—ED.

Cloathing aforesaid as he shall from time to time judge necessary and that the cost thereof be deducted from the pay of the soldiers who shall receive the same by the proper officer for examining and discharging the accounts and pay Rolls of the respective Regiments.

By order of Congress.

John Hancock, Presidt.

[p. 104.] Voted, That John Drew of Barrington, James Hadlock of Southampton, William Harper of Brintwood, Joseph Dearborn of Chester, James Shepard of Canterbury, Augustus Blanchard of Merrimac, Samuel Wetherbee of Charleston and Joseph Parker of New Ipswich, be Captains in the Regiment now to be raised & Sent into Canada. Sent up by Mr. Emerson. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Benjamin Giles Esqr of the Council and Matthew Patten, Esqr and Nahum Baldwin Esqr of this House be a Committee to receive what Gold & Silver Coin is now in the Treasury and carry the same to the Honble General Schuyler at Ticonderoga or Albany, or wherever he may be, for the necessary supply of our Troops at Canada, and Take his receit for the same on account of this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Emerson. [Concurred.]

Voted To choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honble Board to give out Enlisting orders to the several officers of the Regiment now to be raised and sent into Canada, and to commissionate the officers and make all necessary Preparations for, and Equip the said Regiment as soon as Possible; and that John Dudley Esqr Capt. Pierce Long & Mr. John Smith be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred—Messrs. Hurd, Folsom & Blanchard, added.]

Wednesday, June 19th 1776.

The Speaker being absent, the House made choice of Samuel Cutts Esqr for their Speaker pro Tempore, who took the Chair accordingly—soon after which the Speaker came in and resumed the Chair.

Voted, That it be and hereby is Recommended to all Colonels and other officers of the Militia in this Colony, to be aiding & assisting to the several officers appointed to Enlist Soldiers for the Regiment to be sent into Canada, by all good means in their Power—That the said Regiment may be raised with all convenient speed. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Mr. Baldwin & Matthew Patten Esq^r be excused from going to Canada to carry the hard money now in the Treasury to General Schuyler.

Voted, That James Betton, Esq^r be joined to the Hon^ble Benjamin Giles Esq^r as a Committee to receive out of the Colony Treasury and convey to General Schuyler or to the Commanding officer of the Continental Forces in Canada, all the hard monies in the Treasury for the support of our said Forces, and to take his receit for the same on account of this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin. [Concurred.]

[P. 105.] Voted That the several Muster masters hereafter named receive out of the Treasury sufficient monies to pay off the Troops going to Canada, for their Bounty and their months advance wages, and that they pay them in their several Departments upon their being mustered and Enrolled; and that Col. Timothy Walker be Mustermaster of Capt. Shepard's Company, Col. Otis Baker, of Capt. Drew's Company, Capt. Ezekiel Worthen of Capt. Hadlock's Company, Samuel Dudley Esq^r of Capt. Harper's Company, John Dudley Esq^r of Capt. Dearborn's Company, Deacon Nahum Baldwin of Capt. Blanchard's Company, Mr. Elijah Grout of Capt. Weatherbee's Company, & Col. Enoch Hale of Capt. Parker's Company. Sent up by Mr. Baldwin. [Concurred.]

The Committee of both houses beg leave to recommend the reconsidering of Two votes lately passed, viz. One for raising a Battallion agreeable to a resolve of the Continental Congress, Probably to be Stationed at Portsmouth & Nominating Field and other officers for the same; and a vote appointing officers for a Battallion to be sent into Canada; and they further Recommend the six Gent^n Voted for field officers for the Two above mentioned Battallions be named, to choose three of them for the Canada service, and also the sixteen Captains chosen for the aforesaid Battallions with others who may be named in Lieu of those who Decline the Service Stand Nominated to appoint Eight of them for the s^d Canada Service.

Signed M. Thornton, Chairman.

Voted and Resolved, That the vote of this house of the 11^th Instant appointing Maj^r Hackett, Major Tash & Major Copp to the command of the Battalion to be raised agreeable to a resolve of the Continental Congress, to be Stationed at Portsmouth; And also the Vote of this House of the same day for raising & Equipping the Said Battallion; and also a vote of this House of the 15^th Inst. appointing officers for a Regiment to be sent into Canada &c.—and each & Every of said Votes be and hereby are Reconsidered and made Null and Void. Sent up by Mr. Betton.

[P. 106.] The following Letter was Presented to the House, viz.

To the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire:

Agreeable to a Request of the late Congress of the Colony aforesaid to the Committees of Safety of the several Towns of the Colony, the Committees of the Towns of Dunstable, Hollis, Merrymack & Litchfield in said Colony, Herewith return the Names of Capt. Leonard Whiting, Benjamin Whiting & Samuel Cummings Esq^r & Thomas Cummings of Hollis, Suspected Persons of being unfriendly or Enemicall to the Libertys and rights of the United Colonys, Together with the Evidences of Such suspicion—which is humbly submitted to the Examination and Decision of the Said Hon^{ble} House of Assembly, agreeable to the Hand-bills.

Dated at Dunstable 15th of June 1776.

Signed Reuben Dow, Chairman of Said Committees.

Whereas the Committees of Safety for the Towns of Dunstable, Hollis, Merrimac & Litchfield have returned the Names of Leonard Whiting Benjamin Whiting, Samuel Whiting, Samuel Cummings Esq^r & Thomas Cummings, as persons suspected of being unfriendly or Enimicall to the Liberties of the United Colonies, together with the Evidences of such Suspicion—Which having been heard & fully consider'd, and also the Said Leonard Whiting, Benjamin Whiting, Samuel Cummings and Thomas Cummings being heard by Counsel upon their Petition before both Houses It Appears to this House That the said Suspicion is not sufficiently Supported, and that the said Leonard Whiting, Benjamin Whiting, Samuel Cummings, and Thomas Cummings be acquitted & fully Discharged. Sent up by Major Philbrick. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Colonel Isaac Wyman be appointed First Colonel of the Regiment now to be raised and sent into Canada in the room & stead of Major James Hackett who was appointed and has resigned. Sent up by Mr. Ames. Adjourned till tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

[P. 107.] Thursday, June 20th 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of three members of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer and

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consult upon the best method of Procuring Provisions and other Necessaries for the Regiment going into Canada, and to make report to this house as soon as may be; and that Capt. Prentice, Col°. Walker and Capt. Long be the Committee of this house for that purpose;—and also consult upon the best method of getting the Shotts & Balls belonging to this Colony, now in store at Mistick, and to write to Gen. Washington for an order to receive the Powder Sent by the Colony for the supply of the Continental Army;—and also to try to borrow some Cannon from the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay. Sent up by Mr. Bell.

Voted That Mr. Samuel Moore be a Monitor to this house.

Upon reading sundry petitions of the officers and soldiers of the sixth Regiment of Militia, Praying that Col° John Hale and the other Field officers appointed for said Regiment, may be Discharged and Dismist from their said appointment And some others appointed in their room: The s^d Petitioners and the said field officers being heard upon their Evidence before both houses—It appears to this House that the said John Hale Esq^r has carry'd and behaved himself as a good friend to the cause of Liberty and has in many cases exerted himself for the good of the American Cause now contending for; and no Evidence appearing against the other Field officers of said Regiment, It is therefore Voted And Resolved by this House That the said Petitions be & hereby are Dismist. Sent up by Mr. Rollins. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble Board to consult upon the matter of sending what hard money we have to Canada by the same guard that Capt. Langdon proposes to send what he has collected, by; or in what manner the Same shall be sent, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be,—and that John Dudley Esq^r Capt. Josiah Moulton and Col° Samuel Sherburne be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Capt. Moulton. [Concurred—Messrs. Thornton, Folsom, & Ashley added.

[P. 108.] Voted, That the Field officers and Staff officers of the Regiment Destined for Canada, be paid out of the Treasury each Two months advance pay instead of the one months advance pay heretofore Voted for them and that the President give order of Payment. Sent up by Sam^l Dudley, Esq. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col° Otis Baker, Mr. Elijah Grout, Col° Timothy Walker, Samuel Dudley Esq^{r} John Dudley Esq^{r} Deacon Nahum Baldwin, Col° Enoch Hale & Capt. Ezekiel Worthen, the several muster-masters appointed to pay off the Troops Destined for Canada, Receive each of them out of the Treasury Seven hundred & Eighty pounds, to pay off the soldiers (by them severally to be mustered) Their Bounty of Twenty Dollars each and their one months pay, and to pay off the Captains and Subaltern officers of said Troops Two months advance pay instead of the one months advance pay heretofore Voted them, and that the said Muster-masters be severally accountable for said Sum, and that the President give order of payment accordingly. Sent up by Sam^{l} Dudley, Esq^{r} [Concurred.]

The Committee appointed to report their opinion of the Necessaries to fix off the Canada Regiment, agreed to

REPORT.

That Col° Hurd be appointed to fix off all the Companys from Cohos with Ten days Provision Except Capt. Parker's & Capt. Weatherbe's Companys who we would recommend to be fixed off by Capt. Prentice at Charleston with Ten days provision to proceed by the way of Crown Point, And that the Persons appointed Muster-masters Deliver each Company a Days Provision for every Twenty miles Travel from the place they march from until they come to Cohos or Charleston, otherwise pay each man one penny per mile for said distance, and that said Hurd and Prentice Deliver each man a quart of Rum, and that six Dozen of axes be Imediately provided at Exeter and sent forward.

Signed, M. Thornton, Chairman.

Which Report being read, Voted That the Same be received & accepted, and that orders Issue from the Hon^{ble} the President Accordingly. Sent up by Sam^{l} Dudley, Esq.

John Hale Esq. Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Militia, in this Colony, together with Robert Reid Esq. his Lieutenant Colonel and William McQuesten, Esq^{r} his Major came into the House and Desired leave to Resign their respective Commissions appointing them to the command said Regiment. Adjourned.

Proclamation of Admiral Howe—offering pardons, &c.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. III. p. 296.]

By Richard Viscount Howe of the Kingdom of Ireland, one of the King's Commissioners for restoring Peace to his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America, &c. &c.

DECLARATION:

Whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament to prohibit all Trade and Intercourse with the Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the three Lower Counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and for other purposes therein mentioned: It is Enacted that

"It shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, appointed and authorized by his Majesty to grant a Pardon or Pardons "to any Number or Description of Persons, by Proclamation, in his "Majesty's Name, to declare any Colony or Province, Colonies or "Provinces, or any County, Town, Port, District, or Place, in any "Colony or Province, to be at the Peace of his Majesty; and that from "and after the issuing of any such Proclamation, any of the aforesaid "Colonies or Provinces; or if his Majesty shall be graciously pleased "to signify the same by his Royal Proclamation, then from and after "the issuing of such Proclamation, the said Act, with respect to such "Colony or Province, Colonies or Provinces, County, Town, Port, "District or Place, shall cease determine, and be utterly void;"—

And Whereas, the King, desirous to deliver all his subjects from the Calamities of War and other oppressions which they now undergo, and to restore the said Colonies to his Protection and Peace as soon as the Constitutional Authority of Government therein may be replaced; Hath been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, dated the sixth day of May in the sixteenth year of his Majesty's Reign, to nominate and appoint me, Richard Viscount Howe of the Kingdom of Ireland, and William Howe Esquire, General of his Forces in North America, and each of us, jointly and severally, to be his Majesty's Commissioner and Commissioners for granting his free and general Pardons to all those, who in the Tumult and Disorder of the Times may have deviated from their just Allegiance, and who are willing, by a speedy Return to their Duty, to reap the Benefits of the Royal Favor, and also for declaring, in his Majesty's Name, any Colony, Province, County, Town, Port, District or Place, to be at the Peace of his Majesty: I do therefore hereby Declare—That due consideration shall be had to the meritorious services of all Persons who shall aid and assist in restoring the public Tranquillity in the said Colonies, or in any Part or Parts thereof That Pardons shall be granted, dutiful Representations received, and every suitable Encouragement given, for promoting such Measures as shall be conducive to the Establishment of legal government, and Peace, in pursuance of his Majesty's most gracious Purposes aforesaid.

Given on board his Majesty's Ship the
Eagle, off. the Coasts of the Province
of Massachusetts Bay, the Twentieth
Day of June, 1776.

HOWE.

Letter from Admiral Howe to Governor John Wentworth.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 1.]

Eagle, off of the Coast of the Province of
Massachusetts Bay, June the 20th, 1776.

SIR—

Being appointed Commander in Chief of the Ships and Vessels of his Majesty's Fleet, employed in North America, and having the honor to be by his Majesty constituted one of his Commissioners for restoring Peace to his Colonies, and for granting Pardons to such of his subjects therein as shall be duely solicitous to benefit by that effect of his gracious indulgence; I embrace this opportunity to inform you of my arrival on the American Coast, where my first object will be an early meeting with General Howe, whom his Majesty hath been pleased to join with me in the said Commission.

In the mean time, I have judged it expedient to issue the inclosed DECLARATION in order that all Persons may have immediate Information of his Majesty's most gracious Intention: And I desire you will be pleased forthwith to cause the said Declaration to be promulgated, in such manner, and at such Places within the Province of New Hampshire, as will render the same of the most public Notoriety,

Assured of being favored with your Assistance in every measure for the speedy and effectual Restoration of the public Tranquillity, I am to request you will communicate from time to time, such Information as you may think will facilitate the attainment of that important object in the Province over which you preside,

I have the honor to be, with great
Respect and Consideration, Sir,
your most obedient, humble servant—

HOWE,

Governor Wentworth, &c. &c. New Hampshire,
or other Chief Magistrate of the Province.

[P. 109.] Friday, June 21st, 1776,

Voted, That Capt. Daniel Colburn of Pelham be Second Major of Colo Thornton's Regiment in the room & stead of James McGregore who refuses to accept that office.

Upon motion made in the House for appointing a Second Major to the first Regiment in this Colony in the room of Ephraim Pickering who was lately appointed to that office:

Voted That Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Wentworth and the said Ephraim Pickering be desired to appear before this house on Wednesday next to show cause why the said Regiment is not yet settled, and why the said motion may not be granted.

[P. 110.] Voted, That Capt. Prentice receive of the Quarter master one hundred pounds of powder, and Two hundred & fifty pounds of Bullets and four hundred Flints for the use of the Troops destined for Canada & that the President give order accordingly.

Voted, That Col. Hurd receive of the Quarter master Three hundred pounds of Powder, seven hundred & fifty Pounds of Bulletts and Twelve hundred Flints for the use of the Troops Destined for Canada, & that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to consult about constituting a Court to Sustain Appeals from the Sentences or Decrees of the Judges of Probate in this Colony, or to Point out what Court shall sustain Such Appeals, and whether the Parties shall be tried by a Jury; and to make report as soon as may be, And that Jonathan Lovewell Esq^r^ John Dudley Esq^r^ & Col^o^ Walker be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell.

P. M.

Voted That Col^o^ Walker, Col. Sherburne & Major Downing be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to examine into the Complaints & Grievances of Peter Nevieau a poor Frenchman now inhabiting within this Colony and make report to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred, Mr. Thornton & Blanchard added.]

Letter to General Schuyler, relating to hard money.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. IV. p. 3.]

SIR— New Hampshire, Exeter, 21^st^ June, 1776.

Agreeable to Directions from the Continental Congress receiv'd a few weeks past, to collect all the hard money we cou'd, and forward the same to Canada, to be delivered into your hands: We herewith transmit the sum of £1145: 15: 10, under care of Benj^a^ Gyles & James Betton, Esqr^s^, members of the General Assembly, who readily, as good Friends to their Country, undertake the Journey, to whom you'll Please to give a Receipt for the same & all the Despatch the circumstances of the Business will permit. We shall still exert ourselves to exchange & collect what further sums of money we can, & do every thing in our power for the good of the American cause. Wishing you the protection of a kind providence with the best success to our Troops in the Northern Department, I am in behalf of the Council and Assembly, with all respect, Sir,

Your most obedient, Hum^l^ Serv^t^.

(Copy) ——— ——— (1)President.

To the Hon^bl^ Philip Schuyler, Esq^r^,
Major Gen^l^ of the Continental Army
at Ticonderoga.

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(1) Hon. MESHECH WEARE was President.

Saturday, June 22d 1776.

[P. 111.] Made a collection in the house for Peter Neveau a poor French man, and Delivered the same, being two pounds fourteen shillings & nine pence into the hands of Deacon James Knowles for the use of said Peter Neveau.

The house having taken into their serious consideration the Distressed and unhappy Scituation of Peter Neveau and his Family, Do hereby recommend to the Committee of Safety of Wakefield, That they, together with Deacon Knowles and Mr. Balch, Enquire into the Circumstances of the said Neveau & Family and see that he is not injured by his Neighbors or any Person Whatsoever.

Voted, That there be but one place of Rendezvous in this Colony for the Troops Destined to Canada, and that it be at Haverhill on the Connecticut River. Sent up by Capt. Simonds. [Concurred.] Adjourned.

Monday, June 24th 1776.

[Various Acts passed and concurred. See Acts &c in Secy Office.]

Accts petitions, acted on in the house & concurred, from the 18th to 24th of June, 1776.

Jona. Dearborn, acct. allowed, 12*s*.

Benj. Giles & James Betton, alld £30: for carrying money to Albany.

John Bellows acct. alld £19: 7: 7.

Thomas Clough sent express to Canterbury & Moultonborough to carry letters to Col. Senter & Capt. Shepard.

Capt. Eliphalet Daniel's muster roll, allowed £154: 12: 0.

Noah Emery, Clerk, allowed £4: 16.

Acct. of Committee to look out a proper place for a bridge at New Castle, allowed £3: 13: 10¼.

Otis Baker, alld £1: 0: 0.

Jacob Wilson, for boarding James Winn, a sick soldier, alld £1: 8.

Giles & Betton, all'd, £20.

Additional sum to each Muster-master, viz:

—To Col. Baker, £20. To Capt. Worthen, £30. To John Dudley Esq. £30. To Samuel Dudley, £30. To Col. Walker, £20. To Dea. Nahum Baldwin, £20,—for the use of Soldiers destined to Canada.

Richd Hart's acct. allowed £68: 10.

Nich. Nicolle, alld £3: 5: 7.

Capt. Prentice, for Canada troops, allowed £116.

Col. Hurd, for Troops destined to Canada, £350.

Col. Thornton's acct. alld £3: 19.

John Livingston's acct. alld £16: 14: 11.

Capt. Jno. Moulton's acct, alld £33: 0: 6.

Alexr Shirley, for loss of coat & knapsac at Bunker hill, alld £2: 11.

Jn° Shirley, for loss of coat & jacket, at Bunker hill, £2: 8.
Tho^s Bartlett's acct. all^d £2: 9.
Col. Morey, allowed to receive £150.
Com^{tee} of Safety in Greenland, for fire-rafts, all'd £13: 8.
Lydia Crellis, all^d for Doctor's bill for her late husband £6: 13: 6.
Aaron Quimby, soldier's wages, all^d £1: 5: 9.
Eben^r Collins, soldier's wages, 14*s*.
Dan^l Murray, soldier's wages, 19*s*.
Wm. Simpson, soldier's wages, £1: 8: 1.
Jona. Blanchard's acc^t allowed £1: 14.
Petition of John Colby, referred.

[P. 112.] Tuesday, June 25th 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of three of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to consult upon the expediency of Procuring & Securing a Number of Boats for the Transporting Reinforcements to our Troops at New Castle in case of Necessity, and to make report to this house as soon as may be; and that Deacon Baldwin, Capt. Worthen & Maj^r Downing be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred—Messrs Ashley & Hurd added.]

Voted, That Mr. Balch, Capt. Prentice and Capt. Simonds be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult upon the matter and manner of Procuring Casks for the Salt petre now procured and that hereafter may be procured in this Colony, and also for Powder, and make report thereon as soon as may be. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred—Mr. Clagett & Mr. Thornton added.]

Report.

The Committee of the Council & Assembly appointed to consult upon the matter & manner of Procuring Casks for the Salt-petre now procured &c. have maturely considered the same, and Do humbly Report, That one hundred & Twenty new barrels be provided for the purposes in the resolve set forth; Each barrel to contain sixteen Gallons, which they think will be sufficient at Present.

Signed M. Thornton, Chairman.

[P. 113.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer upon the expediency of seizing & securing Major Robert Rogers in consequence of sundry Informations against him as Enimical to the rights and Liberties of this Country, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; and that Capt. Harriman, Maj^r

Philbrick and Mr. Bell be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

Voted, That Capt. John Langdon of Portsmouth be Captain of Light Infantry in Portsmouth, and that he be commissioned therefor with the Rank of Colonel; That his Lieutenant, by him to be Nominated, be Commissioned with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and that his Ensign be Commissioned with the Rank of Major; And that the said Company consist of Forty men Rank and file, and that the President give out Commissions accordingly. The said Company to be under the Command of the General officer of the Militia for this Colony. Sent up by Mr. Walker. [Concurred.]

The Committee appointed to consider of a method to carry into Execution the vote of the house for building a Bridge at Newcastle

Recommend

[P. 114.] That a Committee be chosen to Purchase Materials suitable for the Purpose to build said Bridge or Bridges in the places recommended by the Com^{tee} of Fourteen feet wide in the clear, In a substantial manner according to their best skill and Judgment, and with all the expedition that may be. Also that it be recommended to the commanding officer of the Troops in the District of Portsmouth to furnish Forty able and suitable men to assist in this business—the men to be allowed one Pistareen pr Day more than common wages, and excusable from other duty.

Signed, J. Hurd, for the Committee.

Exeter, 25th June, 1776.

The above report being read & considered,

Voted, That Capt. Worthen together with one to be appointed by the Hon^{ble} Council be a Committee to purchase Materials suitable to build a Bridge of fourteen feet width (in the clear) in the place mentioned in the report of a Committee sent to view the best place for building a Bridge from the main Land to New Castle, in a Substantial manner, according to their best skill and judgment & with all the Expedition that may be, and also to oversee the said work while building said Bridge, and that they employ four good Carpenters on the said work, and as many of the Troops at New Castle as occasion may require, which Troops shall receive one jill of rum each per day whilst on the said work, besides their wages and rations as Soldiers. Sent up by the Clerk.

Voted That there be procured at the charge of this Colony One hundred and Twenty new good Tight oak Casks to contain Sixteen Gallons each for the Purpose of Securing in them the Salt-petre already procured & hereafter to be procured for the use of this Colony, and also to secure Powder in, as this Colony may have occasion, and that Dr. Josiah Gilman & Mr. Nathaniel Balch be a Committee to procure the said Casks. Adjourned.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock—with Resolves.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 11.]

Philadelphia, June 25th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Since my last of the 21st Inst. I have nothing further in charge from Congress except the inclosed Resolves, which are so full & explicit, that I need not enlarge.

You will perceive they are calculated to prevent Insurrections, and to introduce good order and obedience to the Laws thro' out the United Colonies ;—objects of the greatest importance in our present situation ; Since all internal convulsions, while they weaken the Force & Springs of Government, must necessarily render its operations against foreign Enemies, less vigorous & decisive.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
your most obed^{t} & very hb^{l} Serv^{t}.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

Hon^{l} Assembly of New Hampshire.

Resolves—In Congress, June 24, 1776.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 13.]

Resolved, That all persons abiding within any of the United Colonies and deriving protection from the Laws of the same, owe allegiance to the said Laws and are members of such Colony ; and that all persons passing through, visiting or making temporary stay in any of the said Colonies being intitled to the protection of the Laws, during the time of such passage, visitation or temporary stay, owe, during the same time allegiance thereto.

That all persons, members of or owing allegiance to any of the United Colonies as before described, who shall levy war against any of the said Colonies within the Same or be adherent to the King of Great Britain or others the Enemies of the said Colonies or any of them within the same, giving to him or them aid and comfort, are guilty of treason against such Colony.

That it be recommended to the Legislatures of the several Colonies to pass Laws for punishing in such manner as to them shall seem fit, such persons before described as shall be proveably attainted of open deed by people of their condition of any of the Treason before described.

That it be recommended to the Legislatures of the several United Colonies to pass Laws for punishing in such manner as they shall think fit, persons who shall counterfeit or aid or abet in counterfeiting the Continental Bills of Credit, or who shall pass any such Bill in payment knowing the same to be counterfeit.

By order of Congress,
John Hancock, Presidt.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock—relating to augmentation of Forces in Canada.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 15.]

Philadelphia, June 25th, 1776.

Gentlemen—

The Congress have this day come to the inclosed Resolves which I have the honor of transmitting in obedience to their commands. You will there find they have come to a Resolution to augment the Number of men destined for Canada four thousand. I am therefore to request, you will send immediately one Regiment of your Militia by way of augmentation of the Troops destined for that Department; and at the same time earnestly to entreat you to be expeditious in raising & equipping your Troops, and to provide them with Cloaths, Tents, and other Camp Equipage, for which the United Colonies will engage to reimburse you.

In my letter of the 4th Inst. in which were inclosed sundry Resolves of Congress with Regard to your sending a part of your Militia into Canada, I took the liberty of suggesting every thing that occurred to urge you to a speedy compliance with the same. If the complexion of our affairs in that quarter was disagreeable at that time, it has since altered extremely, and become much more alarming. The arrival of Genl Burgoyne with a large Reinforcement, the Defeat of General Thompson with the Troops under his command, and his being made Prisoner, are so many striking circumstances, that render it absolutely necessary, to be more expeditious in our Preparations for the Defence of that Province, as well as to increase our Force there.

The present is not a time for delay. Every thing we have a right to expect from that quarter, depends on Expedition : Without it we shall inevitably be ruined. Remember your own safety and the Security of Canada, are exactly one and the same thing. If our Enemies are not opposed at a distance, we must engage them in our Borders. One idea should be forever in our minds—that in the conduct of political affairs every Moment is precious. A week, a day, even an hour, has often proved decisive; And by an attention thereto, the Liberties of a Country have been destroyed or established for ever.

I must repeat again to you, that in all human Probability, the Fate of America Will be determined the ensuing Campaign. Much depends on your Colony. I cannot therefore help once more earnestly pressing you to be expeditious in equipping and sending forward your Troops. As an additional encouragement, the Congress have resolved that a Bounty of ten Dollars be given every soldier who shall enlist for three years.

May the great Disposer of all human hearts animate & guide your

Councils, & enable you to determine that not only your own temporal Peace & happiness may be established, but those of your Posterity.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen, your most obed^t^ &
Very hh^bl^ Serv^t^.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t^.

Excuse erasures, I am so
hurried have not time to copy.
Hon^ble^ Convention of New Hampshire.

Resolves of Congress, above referred to.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. IV. p. 19.]

In Congress, June 25th 1776.

Resolved, That the Number of men destined for the Northern or Canada Department be Augmented Four Thousand.

That a Colonell's Commission be immediately issued to Major Dubois with Instructions forthwith to raise a Regiment to serve for three years or during the War, & that the Corps of officers be composed of such as have served with Credit in Canada; No officer to receive his Commission untill his Company be raised & armed. The arms of the People inlisting themselves to be valued by the Committee of the Counties where the Companies are Raised, and paid for by the Continent on their being mustered.

That it be earnestly Recommended to the Colony of New Hampshire to send immediately one Regiment of their Militia; Massachusetts Bay two Regiments of their Militia, and Connecticut one Regiment of their Militia to augment the Troops destin'd for the Northern or Canada Department.

That Letters be sent by the President to the Several Assemblies of the Colonies from whence the several Regiments of Militia are & have been Requested, earnestly pressing them to be expeditious in Raising and Equipping their Troops, and requesting the several Assemblies to take upon themselves the care of providing the said Troops with Cloaths, Tents and all necessary Camp Equipage, & assuring them that the United Colonies will be Answerable for the expence of the same.

That a Regimental Paymaster, who is not to be an officer of the army, be appointed by the said Colonies to each of the said Battalions, who shall keep all the Accounts of his said Battalion, & to whom particular return shall be made of the expence of Cloathing said Battalion, in order that the same may be deducted out of the Pay of the Soldiers for whom the articles shall have been provided.

That a Bounty of ten Dollars be given to every non-commissioned officer & Soldier who will inlist to serve for the term of three years.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be inclos'd to General Washington & that he be desir'd to afford such assistance to the Northern or Canada Department as he shall be enabled to do consistently with the Safety of New York, & from time to time to give such Directions as he may think expedient for the public service.

By order of Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t^.

Journal of the House resumed.

Wednesday, June 26th, 7776.

[P. 115.] An Act for Establishing a Court Maritime &c. was read a third time & Passed to be Enacted. Sent up by Dr. Nichols & Capt. Harriman.

Voted to choose a Committee of three of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to consider the Petition of Colo Ashley, Colo Hurd, Major Bellows, Benjamin Giles, Esqr & Colo Morey for a Company of Rangers &c. And to make report to this house as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice, John McClary Esqr & Jonathan Lovewell Esqr be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

The following Vote of Council was bro't down from the Honble Board, viz:

Colony of New Hampshire June 26th 1776.
In Council.

Whereas one Mr. John Odin has just arrived and Presented to the Council Ten Thousand Dollars from the Honble Continental Congress for the use of this Colony—Voted that Colonel Thornton, General Folsom and Colo Hurd be a Committee to join with such as the Honble House shall appoint to receive & tell over said money, and deliver it to the Treasurer and Take his receit therefor. Sent down for concurrence.

E. Thornton, Secy.

[Concurred—Capt. Simonds, John Dudley Esqr and Capt. Prentice added on the part of the House.]

Voted, That a Committee of Five persons of this House join a Comtee of the honble Board to confer together upon the Expediency of Purchasing or borrowing a Quantity of Powder, or of Exchanging of Salt Petre in the Massachusetts Colony for Powder, and in what manner the Exchange shall be made, and to make report thereon as soon as may be, And that Colo Morey, Ichabod Rollins, Esqr Doctr Dearborn, Capt. Prentice & Capt. Moulton be the Committee of this House for that purpose; and also to consider the Expediency of supplying the Frontier Towns in this Colony with Powder, and also what Towns shall be supply'd and with how much. Sent up Majr Bartlett. [Concurred. Messrs. Folsom, Ashley & Hurd, added.]

[P. 116.] Voted to choose a Committee of three members of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to Enquire into the cause why the First Regiment in this Colony is not settled according to the order of this House; and why Major Ephraim Pickering is objected to by some part of said Regiment as second Major thereof; & to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; and that Jonathan Lovewell Esqr Daniel Brainerd Esqr & Capt. Harriman be a Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell.

Thursday, June 17th 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to consult upon the Expediency of Emitting a Quantity of Small bills for the benefit of change, and to make report how much & in what manner the same shall be Emitted, and that Doct. Dearborn, Capt. Long, & John McClary Esqr be the committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col. Morey & Mr. Bell.

Which Committee being Joined by a Committee of the Board made report as on file:

Whereupon, It is Voted, That there be forthwith Emitted on the Credit of this Colony the sum of Three Thousand four hundred pounds in manner following, viz.

6000 Bills, at 3*d* each is	£75.	6000 bills, at 10*d* each is	£250.
6000 Bills at 4*d* each, is	100	6000 bills, at 1*s* each, is	300
6000 bills, at 5*d* each, is	125	6000 bills, at 1*s* 3*d* each, is	375
6000 bills, at 7*d* each, is	175	6000 bills, at 2*s* each, is	600
6000 bills, at 8*d* each, is	200	6000 bills, at 4*s* each, is	1200
	675.		2725
			675
			£3400

Whereof seventeen hundred pounds to be redeemed by a Tax on the Polls & Estates of the rateable Inhabitants of this Colony by the 26th day of January 1787, and the remaining seventeen hundred Pounds by the 26th day of January 1788, and that the said bills be Emitted in the following form, viz:

[p. 117.]

Colony of New Hampshire, June 28th 1776.

pence No ( ) pence

The possessor of this bill shall be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony .... by the 26th day of Janry 178— and this bill shall be received for the aforesaid sum in all payments, by order of the Council and Assembly ....

Comtee

pence pence

And that Doct Dearborn together with such of the Council as shall be appointed by the Hon^ble^ Board be a Committee to Procure the Materials & Inspect the printing of said Bills,—and when so done, to Deliver the Same to the Treasurer and take his receit therefor; and that six persons of this house with such as the Hon^ble^ Board shall appoint, be a Committee to sign the said Bills, and that one signer to each of said bills shall be sufficient; And that Noah Emery Esq^r^ Capt Peirce Long, Mr. John Smith, Phillips White Esq^r^ Maj. Samuel Philbrick & Major Benjamin Baker, be the Committee of this house for the purposes aforesaid. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to consult together and make report what business is most Necessary to be done at this Session, and at what time and to what time the General Assembly shall be adjourned, and also to consult in what manner and how the members of both houses shall receive their pay, And that Jonathan Lovewell Esq^r^ and John Dudley Esq^r^ & Capt. Prentice be the Committee of this house for the Purposes aforesaid [Sent up by Col. Morey & Mr. Bell. [Concurred—Messrs. Thornton, Folsom & Thompson added.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Council, made report as Follows, viz:

The Committee of both houses agree to report That they think it Necessary a vote should Pass Directing the Secretary to make out Commissions of the Peace for each County agreeable to the Acts, Votes & resolves of the Gen^l^ Assembly and for the President to sign them: That the Several Acts under consideration be finished and Passed; And considering the Necessity of raising the Canada Regiment, and uncertainty of the recruiting officers raising the men think it absolutely Necessary for the Court to Set Next Week; That the Judge of Maritime Affairs be commissioned without Delay.

Signed M. Thornton, chairman.

Voted That the wages of the several members of the Hon^ble^ Council and of this house be six shillings per day for their attendance During the Current year, and that the Secretary and the Clerk of this house receive for their Services as Secretary & Clerk six shillings per day each over & above their wages as members; and that Mr. John Smith receive for his services in this house as Assistant Clerk, three shillings per day over and above his wages as a member of this house. Sent up by Col. Morey & Mr. Bell. [Concurred.]

[P. 118.] Voted, That Samuel Folsom Esq^r Have the Loan of three hundred pounds out of the Treasury for the Term of one year, to Enable him to Prosecute the Building a Powder-mill in Exeter, he giving bond with sufficient Sureties to the Treasurer of this Colony for the repayment of said sum at the end of Said Term, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

Voted, That a Committee of three members of this house be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult upon the Expediency of admitting the soldiers now on the Lines at Portsmouth & New Castle, to Enlist in the Regiment now raising for Canada and to make report thereon as soon as may be, and that John Dudley Esq^r Col^o Morey & Capt. Josiah Moulton be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Col^o Walker. [Concurred—Messrs. Folsom, Wentworth & Hurd added.]

Friday, June 28th, 1776.

Voted, to choose a Committee of five of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to take into consideration the matter of Col^o Bailey's letter rec^d this day, and to make report thereon as soon as may be, and that Capt. Long, John Dudley Esq^r Col^o Morey, Major Tash & Col^o Walker be the Com^{tee} of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Major Tash.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bailey. (1)

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 21.]

Newbury, June 25th, 1776.

GENT^n—

I have proceeded twenty-seven miles on the road to Canada with carts, but by the alarming accounts from St. Johns, and two men I sent by Missisque not returning, I have called in my workmen, and if the accounts are true we have received, we are in great danger on this River; in particular here and at Upper Coos, if we are not supported. Concord is the next place a stand can be made. I am of the mind this river is much in the Regulars view, as Provisions is plenty and will be a help to them and strike a fatal blow to our cause. If our troops have left Canada, no time must be lost to support this Country. This is from a servant of the Colony, and yours

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(1) Jacob Bayley was a native of Hampstead, N. H., whither his father had moved from Newbury, Mass. After the close of the French and Indian War he moved to Newbury, Vt., having obtained a grant of that town from Gov. B. Wentworth, for himself and associates. He had very great influence in the "Cohos country," held various civil offices; was Major General of Militia, and Commissary-General of the Northern Department in the war of the Revolution. He died in March, 1815, aged 89 years. [See Potter's Mil. Hist. Vol. II. 1866, p. 182, and Powers's Hist. of the Coös Country.]—ED.

JACOB BAYLEY.

Alarms in the Coos Country.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 25.]

To the General Assembly of the Province of New Hamp^{r} at Exeter, from the Committees of the Towns of Newbury, Haverhill, Bath and Mooretown, met in Newbury, June 25th, 1776.

On account of some very alarming News from St. John's, received the Evening before by two men of public veracity, from Onion River: That they saw a Letter from General Sullivan to Lieut. Allen to have all the Inhabitants of the Towns on Onion River remove with all possible despatch, not knowing but the Enemy would soon be upon them: This they received last Thursday Evening, and removed the next day; That it was feared the Enemy would get the upper hand; the sick of our army were all sent to Crown point. In the General's Letter it was said the Regular Army consisted of about thirty thousand, and fifteen hundred Canadians and five hundred Indians. The Continental army was situated to St. Johns, and last Fryday a very heavy fire of Cannon was heard all the day.

The Committees voted to send Major Jonathan Hale and Capt. Robert Johnston with the above Information to Head Quarters at Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and to inform them of the dangerous situation these parts were in, and that except we are immediately supported, we shall be obliged to quit these parts.

In our extreme danger, as exposed every day to the Enemy, the Committees beg the favor of two hundred fire arms and ammunition equal, as so much is necessary for ourselves. And if the above Information be true, which we do not dispute,—but shall send every necessary Inteligence we obtain,—this fertile Part of the Country must be soon abandoned to the Enemy except timely aid can be had of a sufficient number of men, arms and ammunition, and a few small cannon;—the damage of which to the Continental cause is needless for us to represent.

We are, Gentlemen, your humble servants,

JACOB BAYLEY, } Chairmen for Newbury
JAMES BAYLEY, } and Haverhill.

Petition from Inhabitants of the Upper Coos.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 27.]

Colony of New Hampshire } To the Hon^{bl} the Council & House of Representatives for s^{d} Colony now convened at Exeter:

The Humble Petition of a number of Inhabitants belonging to the several Towns in the Upper Cohoss (so called) humbly sheweth: That your Petitioners having moved themselves and families from the Interi-

or part of this Colony, at a great expence and difficulty, and by industry have clear'd such a quantity of Land as by close application have Supported their families, this day have information by letter from the Committee of Safety for the Towns of Bath, Gunthwaite, Landaff & Lyman, that our army in Canada consisting of about 11.000 men, were drove to St. John's by 30.000 Regulars, 1500 Canadians & 500 Indians: By recommendation from General Sullivan the people at Onion River have moved off: supposing ourselves, Families &c. in eminent danger from the afores^d enemies, Humbly pray that your Honours would grant them Such speedy protection by a number of men & Supply of fire arms and ammunition as you in your wisdom shall think proper :— as your petitioners whole property is in this part and totally destitute of any subsistance for their families elsewhere, flatter themselves that you will grant the desired assistance : and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Northumberland,
June 26, 1776.

(Signed)

David Page
John Sawyer
Joseph Peverly
Jeremiah Eames
Edward Buckram
Caleb Marshall
Ward Bailey
Dill Sawyer
Emmeus Stockwell
Thomas Burnside
Daniel Spaldin.

Thomas Peverly
Joseph Call
Thomas Miner
Nathaniel *Menes?*
Joseph Barlow
John Smith
James Brown
James Curtis
Archippus *Bloyt?*
Joshua Lumkins
James Blake

Edward Marden
Timothy Nash
Samuel Nash
Moses Page
George Wheeler
James Rosbrook
Hesekier Fowler
John French
Eliezer Rosbrook
Micaiah Ames.

Letter from Col. Benj^a Bellows, jun. requesting arms, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 154.]

Walpole, June 29th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Being apprehensive that the Inhabitants of this part of the Globe may ere long be called to face the common enemy in the Field, or to defend our possessions, our wives and children from the cruelty and barbarity of the skulking Savages;—In order whereto it is absolutely necessary, that we should be furnish'd with arms and ammunition;—Wherefore I take this opportunity to lay before you the State and Condition of the Regiment which I have the honor to command in regard of their military accoutrements, that if possible you may furnish us with the necessary means for Defence. The number of training soldiers I am not able to ascertain, not having received the proper returns. Certain I am there is not less than five or six hundreds, the half of which cannot collect one ounce of powder or Ball, and it is highly probable not a single Fire-lock fit for use: Would therefore beseech you if possible to put the bearer hereof in a way to procure the above mentioned articles, more especially ammunition, for there are many who have good arms, but not ammunition, and unless we can be some way equiped we must (should the Enemy be permitted to come down upon us) quit our Possessions and resort to you; which would be Very disagreeable to your Very Hum^le^ serv^t^

Benj^a^ Bellows, Jun. Colonel
of the 16^th^ Reg^t^ of Militia in
the Colony of New Hampshire.

To the Hon^bl^ Com^tee^ of Safety
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

[p. 119.] Voted, That the Persons hereafter named be appointed to their respective offices hereafter mentioned, viz :

Samuel Sherburne, & Peirce Long, Esq^rs^ of Portsmouth,
Enoch Coffin, Esq^r^ of Epping,
Samuel Jenness and Amos Seavey Esq^rs^ of Rye
Winthrop Gove Esq^r^ of Seabrook,
Enoch Brown Esq^r^ of Poplin,
Moses Barnett & John Bell Esq^rs^ of Londonderry,
Daniel Ladd & Jeremiah Eastman Esq^r^ of Deerfield,
John Simpson Esq^r^ of New Castle,
Joseph Dow Esq^r^ of Hampton,
Nicholas Gilman & John Rice Esq^rs^ of Exeter, &
John Cram Esq^r^ of Chichester, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; and that
Joseph Smith Esq^r^ of New Market, and
Jonathan Moulton Esq^r^ of Hampton, be Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum for said County of Rockingham.

That, John Garland of Barrington,
Daniel Sanborn of Sandbornton,
Valentine Mathes of Durham,
James Knowles of Rochester,
Joseph Roberts of the Gore,
Henry Rust of Wolfeborough, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

That Jacob Abbott of Wilton,
Joshua Bailey of Hopkington,
Andrew Tuttle of Lyndeborough,
William Smith of Peterborough,
Robert McGregore of Goffstown,
John Robie of Weare,
Asa Davis of Nottingham West, and
Moses Little of Goffstown, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough; and that
John Goffe Esq^r^ be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for said County of Hillsborough.

That Col^o^ Isaac Wyman of Keen,
William Heywood of Charleston,
Heber Miller of Westmoreland,
Ephraim Baldwin of Chesterfield,
Joseph Hammond of Swanzey,
Joseph Greenwood of Dublin,
Nathaniel Sartel Prentice of Alstead,
Obadiah Wilcox of Surrey,

Charles Huntoon of Unity,
Moses Whipple of Croydon,
Henry Silsby of Acworth,
Elijah Bingham of Lemster,
Josiah Stevens of Newport, and
Thomas Morse of Dublin, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

That, Samuel Livermore Esq^r be a Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum for the County of Strafford.

That, Abel Chandler Esq^r of Piermont, and
David Page of Conway be Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

That Timothy Walker, jun^r be a Justice of the Quŏrum for the County of Rockingham;

That Josiah Clark of Nottingham,
Ezekiel Worthen of Kensington,
John Graham of Chester,
Samuel Allison of Londonderry,
Jesse Merrill of Salem,
John Morrison of Wyndham, be Coroners for the County of Rockingham;

That, John Harwell of Litchfield be a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough;

That, Daniel Page of Deerfield be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham;

That, Robert Means of Amherst be a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough;

That Simon Wiggin of Stratham be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham;

That, Silas Thompson of Chesterfield, be a Coroner for the County of Cheshire;

That, Jonathan Child Esq^r of Lyme be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton;

That, John Wendel Esq^r of Portsmouth, be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham;

That, Samuel Gusten of Marlow, and
Moses Hale of Rindge be Coroners for the County of Cheshire; and

[P. 120.] That, Jeremiah Lock of Rye, be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham;

That, Nathaniel Cooper of Dover be a Coroner for the County of Strafford;

That, John Sloane of Lyme be a Coroner for the County of Grafton; and

That, Enoch Hale Esq^r of Rindge, be sheriff of the County of Cheshire, in the room & stead of Samuel Hunt Esq^r who refuses to accept that office; &

That, Colonel Stephen Evens be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford. Sent up by Mr. Walker. [Concurred.]

A Petition of Samuel Gutterson in behalf of the Inhabitants of the One Mile Slip & Duxbury Farm, lying in the County of Hillsborough, Praying to be Impowered to manage the Prudential affairs of their District in a Legal Way, with good order & Safety, Being read & Considered,

Voted, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to consult upon the best and most effectual method of supplying this Colony with fire-arms and to make report as soon as may be And that Col^o^ Sherburne, Col^o^ Baker, Dr. Nichols, Capt. Prentice and Col^o^ Morey be the Com^tee^ of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom, & Mr. Wentworth added.]

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Colony receive into the Treasury in Exchange for the Paper bills of this Colony any Quantity of Copper Coin made in the Colony, of the weight of Five penny-weight & ten grains each, to the amount of any Sum not exceeding one thousand Pounds Lawf^l^ money, Three of which Coppers shall be received & paid for Two pence lawful money in all payments—which Coppers shall have the following Device, Viz. *A Pine tree*, with the words *American Liberty* on one Side, and a *Harp*, and the figures 1776, on the other side.

P. M.

[P. 121.] The Committee of Both Houses agree to report That they advise the raising Two hundred men to guard the Western Frontiers, and that Enlisting orders be delivered to persons to raise four Companys of fifty men each, which Companies when raised to choose a Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign to each Company. And that they would advise that the raising the men be attempted on Pemissawasset river and across the middle of the Colony, to be Enlisted for five months. Officers and soldiers to have the same wages as the other Colonial Troops, and Forty shillings Bounty, one months wages to be advanced.

That Col^o^ Ashley, Col^o^ Conner, Samuel Emerson Esq^r^ & Col^o^ Hurd be recommended to Enlist the Companies, Muster, Pay them, and deliver Commissions to the Persons Chose officers by the Soldiers;—And it is further Recommended that Col^o^ Hurd be Appointed to give orders to the several Companies from time to time about their Scouting Rout &c. Signed, M. Weare, Chairman.

The following vote of Council was bro't down from the Hon^ble^ Board, viz:

In Council June 28^th^, 1776.

Voted That General Nathaniel Folsom, Coll. Matthew Thornton and Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r^ be a Committee to join a Committee of the

Hon^bl^ House to report their opinion on the state of Coll° Morey's Account, and in Particular concerning goods & Stores in his hands, Whether the Colony had best to receive them or not, and thereby Determine the Expediency of his having an order on the Treasury for money.

Sent down for concurrence. E. Thompson, Sec^y.

In the House of Representatives, June 29th, 1776.

The above vote of Council read and concurred, and Capt. Prentice, Capt. Harriman, Capt. Moulton Capt. Simonds and Col° Evens are added on the part of the House. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

Voted, That the officers appointed to Enlist the regiment now destined for Canada have liberty to Enlist such men now in the service of this Colony at New Castle, as see fit to Enlist in said Regiment Destined for Canada, and that Col° David Gilman commander of said Regiment at New Castle be forthwith informed of this Vote and that he and his officers under him have leave to recruit such number of soldiers as shall so Enlist out of said Regiment. Sent up by Capt. Harriman.

Adjourned for Ten Minutes.

[P. 122.] Voted, That the several Muster masters appointed to muster the several Companies Destined for Canada, Immediately repair to their several places of Destination and muster whatever Troops are Enlisted by the several recruiting officers, and return to this house a Roll of such soldiers so Enlisted, and of what Regiment they respectively belong to, on or before Wednesday night next week. Sent up by Col. Sherburne. [Concurred.]

Voted, That if any or either of the several recruiting Officers appointed to Enlist the Soldiers Destined for Canada shall represent to any or Either of the muster-masters appointed to muster their respective Companys, and resign their respective claims to the command of such Company respectively; and any other respectable man shall raise such Company & cause them to be muster'd by such Muster-masters, that then the said Muster master may proceed to pay off such soldiers in the same manner as if inlisted by such Enlisting officer. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

Saturday, June 29th, 1776.

Voted, That Mr. Richard Champney be sent Express to General Ward in Boston and make application to him to replace to this Colony the Quantity of Powder furnished & Lent to General Washington last year for the use of the Continental Army, and in failure of that, That he be impowered to borrow for this Colony Thirty or Forty Barrells of Powder for the present urgent Necessity and if that cannot be obtained either from Genl Ward or the Massachusetts Assembly, That he propose an Exchange of Salt Petre, as much as can be spared from our present stock, for Powder on the best terms he can, and also to purchase Powder from any Private hands, if to be procured, and that he be directed to Enquire for and purchase a number of fire arms in the Massachusetts, if any can be had, and Imediately to forward the same to Exeter as soon as may be. Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred.]

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to Gen. Artemas Ward, for powder.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 31.]

Exeter, June 29th 1776.

SIR—

I am directed to make application to you & set forth the distressing situation of this Colony for want of Gun Powder. The Western frontiers, (extending 150 miles on Connecticut River) are destitute thereof, and being greatly alarmed at the present accounts from Canada, have sent Express after Express, who are now waiting therefor. Last Summer, to assist the Continental Army in their necessity for that article, we sent them 52 Bbls, which left us but Sixteen Bls Three vessels sent by the Colony to the Foreign Islands bro't back but 52 Bls part of which stock has been deliver'd our soldiers gone to Canada and is considerable lessened. The time necessary to obtain order from Gen. Washington to deliver us the powder lent may decide the fate of our Frontiers and leave open the lower settlements of your and our Colonies to the Devastations of Canadians & Savages. Therefore we Entreat you (in this time of eminent Danger) so far to dispense with the common method or Rule in such cases, as to order the delivery of 52 Bls of Gun Powder to the Bearer, Mr. Champney, to be forwardd by him to us; and we will without delay send to Gen. Washington for his order to you for that purpose;—which, we are sensible will greatly recover the almost despairing spirits of our Brethren in the Frontiers, and be esteemed a favor to the common cause & this Colony in particular.

By order of the Council & Assembly,

(Copy) I am, (1) ——— ———

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(1) All letters of this nature, which were sent, were signed by Meshech Weare, President.—ED.

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to the General Court of Massachusetts for a loan of Cannon, &c.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 35.]

New Hampshire, Exeter, June 29th, 1776.

SIR—

By order of the Council & Assembly of this Colony I am directed to make application to your General Court for the Loan of a few Cannon, and thirty or forty barrels of Gunpowder, and set forth our distressing circumstances for want of those articles.

The late alarming accounts from Canada have so threatening an aspect that our Settlers on the Western Frontiers (extending 150 miles on Connecticut River) have in many places packt up their most valuable articles of furniture &c. ready to leave their settlements, & perhaps some have actually removed. Many Expresses have arriv'd, and we are now waiting for Gunpowder, but we are not able to supply them, having lent the greatest part we were possess'd of last Summer to the Continental Army; and unless we can speedily supply them, that fertile Country will be evacuated by the settlers, and your & our lower Towns left open to the Ravages of Canadians & Indians. In pursuance of a Resolve of the Continental Congress, we sent our Quarter Master to Boston & the Environs to look after the Cannon amounting to fifty heavy pieces carried from us by the Ministerial Troops; but by his Report, none could be found that he could challenge.

Our fortifications are extensive & esteemed strong on the sea Coast & Harbour, but have not Cannon any ways sufficient to defend them against a considerable force.

When our Powder mill w^{ch} we hope will be compleated in a short time can furnish us, we will repay the powder, as we have considerable salt petre on hand. Wherefore I desire you to lay this before your General Court, & most earnestly request their assistance on y^{e} premises.

Mr. Rich^{d} Champney the Bearer, who goes Express on this occasion will wait the Result of your Assembly thereon.

I am very respectfully,
Sir, your most obed^{t} hum^{b} Serv^{t},
MESHECH WEARE, President of the Council.

To the Hon^{bl} James Warren Esq^{r}
Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Mass^{a} Colony.

Alarms at Walpole.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 29.]

Walpole, June 29th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

The alarming News from our Northern Army (which will doubtless reach you before this) excites in us Ideas big with concern, when we Consider the defenceless state of this part of the Colony. We behold our Wives, and our more helpless Offspring as an easy Prey (shocking thought) to Savages whose tender mercies are cruelty; and this, the rather because we have not the necessary means of Defence. We of this Town have endeavored in the course of the last year to procure a stock of Ammunition against the critical Moment, besides what the Laws had ordered for Individuals, neither of which could be purchased. We apprehend there is not, in this Town, One Pound of Powder and Ball to a man. Besides we are deficient in regard of Arms. Last year the Selectmen upon a Recommendation from the Hon^{bl} Congress for this Colony, furnished the Soldiers with arms, which were detained in the service; that we are under worse circumstances than when the War begun; our Guns are gone, and we have nothing paid us to purchase more, if they could be procured. Not knowing where to purchase these necessary articles, we apply to you as the Guardians of this Colony, entreating of you, by all that is near and dear, to inform the Bearer, Mr. Amos Babcock, where and by what means, he can be furnished with a sufficiency of arms and ammunition, at least, for this Town.

We are, Gentlemen, in behalf of the Town
of Walpole, your very Hum^{bl} Serv^{ts}
THO^{s} SPARHAWK
EBEN^{r} SWAN } Selectmen.
BENJ^{a} BELLOWS, jun.

To the Hon^{bl} Commit^{tee} of Safety
for New Hampshire Colony.

P. S. We expect other Towns will send for military Stores by Mr. Babcock.

Voted, That Jonathan Hale, Esq. of Haverhill in this Colony have & receive out of the Treasury Two hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing Fire-arms for the use of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Haverhill and Bath at Cohoss, he giving Security to the Treasurer to replace the said Sum in the Treasury when called for, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Col. Morey. [Concurred.]

[P. 123.] Voted, That Jonathan Hale Esq^{r} of Haverhill in this Colony have & receive out of the Colony Stores Two barrells of Powder for the use of the Inhabitants of Haverhill and Bath, and to be by him accounted for, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Harriman. [Concurred.]

Voted, to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to take under consideration the several Petitions of the Towns of Plimouth, Campton, & Thornton, Haverhill & Bath concerning arms & ammunition and to make report thereon as soon as may be, and that Capt Caleb Page, Daniel Brainard Esq^{r} And Capt. Harriman be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col. Evens.

Petition from Plymouth.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 264.]

Colony of New Hampshire. } To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives, or in their Recess the Committee of Safety of said Colony:

May it please your Honours:

The Petition of us the Subscribers, humbly sheweth: That the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth in said Colony upon receiving intelligence from Haverhill & Newbury, of Co'os, that our army in Canada has been obliged to Retreat to St. John's & that the Inhabitants on Onion River had moved off upon that account, and if our Army should be obliged to make a further Retreat, it must leave the settlements on Connecticut River the Frontiers, which we have reason to expect will be infested very soon with the enemy—which as we are the next considerable Inhabitants, as also the adjacent Towns, must be in a dangerous scituation, which gives great distress & uneasiness to said Inhabitants & more especially as we are deficient in *fire* arms & almost void of ammonition, and for which deficiency it is at present out of our Power to extricate our selves from, without the assistants and help of this Colony: we therefore pray your Honours to take our case into consideration, and grant us out of the stock of said Colony for said town of Plymouth, to be accountable for, one hundred pounds of Powder and about Forty fire-arms & about one hundred weight of lead; or otherwise grant such Relief as you in your wisdom shall think best & your Petitioners as in duty shall ever pray.

SAM^l EMERSON }
EBENEZ^r BLODGET } Select Men.
JAMES HARVELL, }

Plymouth 26th [June ?] 1776.

If the aforementioned ammonition & fire-arms or any part thereof should be granted, it is desired that it may be delivered to Messrs. Moses Dow & Elisha Bean the bearers hereof, whose reciept shall oblige said Town of Plymouth to be accountable for the same.

In behalf of the selectmen

SAM^l EMERSON.

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer upon the Expediency of raising or adding to the Bounty of the non-commission'd officers & soldiers of this Colony Destined for Canada, and to report thereon as soon as may be, and that Doct. Dearborn, Capt. Moulton & Coll. Evens be the Committee of this house for that Purpose:—

Which Com'tee being joined by a Committee of the Council, reported as their opinion, That an addition of thirty-eight shillings is Necessary on this occasion.

Voted That there be added to the Bounty already given to the non-Commission'd officers and soldiers of this Colony

Destined for Canada, the sum of Thirty Eight shillings each.

Voted to give three pounds for all good Firearms, agreeable to a former vote for one year from this time.

[P. 124.] The following vote was sent down from the Hon^{ble} Board, viz.

Colony of New Hampshire : In Council, June 29th, 1776.

The Council having taken into consideration the Complaint of Samuel Penhallow, Esq^r. That he had as a civil magistrate of this Colony on a complaint made to him in said capacity, issued a Warrant against a soldier in Colonel David Gilman's regiment, for a flagrant breach of the peace, applied to said Col^o Gilman for assistance to bring the offender to justice ;—and that said Col^o Gilman had replied that the Soldiers under his command were subject to martial Law and were not Subject to the Civil magistrate for any offence, or to that effect :

Voted, That it is the opinion of the Board that the Said Col^o David Gilman is ignorant of the Laws & received Rules & Regulations always practiced in the English Constitution ; and the military Power setting up an authority uncontrollable by the Civil magistrate is Subversive of the Laws, Rights & Privileges of Englishmen, and what our inveterate Enemies never attempted. And that Col. Gilman be summoned to appear before the General Assembly forthwith to answer for his conduct. Sent down for concurrence.

E. THOMPSON, Sec^y.

In the House of Representatives, June 29th 1776.

The above vote of Council being read and considered, Voted that the same be concurred.

Munday, July 1st 1776.

Voted, That General Nathaniel Folsom be directed to Deliver to Col^o Henry Gerrish one hundred Pounds weight of Powder out of the Colony Stores and take his receit for the Same, agreeable to the request of George Gains Esq^r by order from the Committee of Newbury Port, and that the President give Directions accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to Consult and Examine into the expediency of delivering Powder to the Inhabitants of Piermont, Orford and Alexandria, and what quantity and on what condition the Same shall be delivered to each of said Towns, and to make report thereon as soon as may be, and that Capt. Moulton, Deacon Knowles & Mr. Wheeler be a Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred. Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Ashley & Sec^y added.]

[P. 125.] Whereas the Inhabitants of the one mile Slip &

Duxbury School Farm (so called) in the County of Hillsborough have set forth that they were by a former General Court, Impowered to call meetings in order to choose Assessors, a Clerk and Collector, and in March last did make choice of three Assessors & proposed cheerfully to have raised and paid their proportion of the Public Tax, but that by the Death of one of the said Assessors and the removal of another of the said Assessors, they are unable to assess and collect the above proportion, or to call another meeting to choose two more assessors, and Praying Aid therein :—

Therefore Resolved by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, That Jacob Abbot of Wilton in the County aforesd Esqr shall be & hereby is Authorized to call the First meeting of said Inhabitants (being legal Voters) by Posting up a Notification in some Publick Place in said Mile Slip or Duxbury School Farm Fifteen days before said meeting is held, mentioning the Time place & cause of Holding such meeting, together with the Power of the said Jacob Abbot to call the Same; and the said Jacob Abbot is hereby Impowered to attend and Govern the said meeting, until a Moderator shall be chosen, at which time the said Legal Voters present shall & may choose two New Assessors for the purposes aforesaid, and being chosen shall have Every power and to every intent and purpose as the said Two former Assessors had or could have in the Premises ;—and it is further resolved That in future the Meeting at Said Mile Slip & Duxbury School Farm shall be held Annually as usual. Sent up by Mr. Eastman. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Prentice, Doctr Dearborn and Major Philbrick be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to try & see how cheap they can get Two hundred & fifty Copies of each of the Acts & Laws past in this Present Session printed, and to get them Printed in the cheapest manner they can, as soon as may be, at the charge of this Colony. Sent up by Capt. Simonds. [Concurred—Gen. Folsom added.]

Accts bills, petitions &c. passed on in the house and concurred by the Council, from June 26th to July 1st 1776.

Capt. Titus Salter allowed, on acct	**£89: 3: 9¾**
Marriage Act passed.	
Joseph Leigh, allowed	**6: 3: 0**
John Odin, allowed	**4: 12: 0**
Highway Act passed.	
Comtee on grievances of Thomas Hall.	

Robert Light, all'd	2: 2: 0
Jn^{o} Pickering, all'd	5: 0: 0
Rich^{d} Champney, all'd	1: 4: 6
Capt. N. S. Prentice, all'd	7: 2: 4
Stephen Seavey all'd,	10: 0: 0
Wm. Clagett, Esq^{r} all'd	4: 4: 0
Plimouth, Campton & Thornton, all'd for procuring war material,	250.

Act for opening Sluices for fish across Piscataquog river and on Beaver Brook,
An Act for the more strict observance of the Lord's day,
An Act against Counterfeiting Bills of Credit,
An Act to regulate Taxation,
An Act empowering Selectmen to bind out poor persons,
An Act to establish the stile of Commissions.

[P. 126.] Tuesday, July 2, 1776.

Voted, That the Committees of Plimouth, Campton & Thornton have & receive out of the Treasury £250, for the purpose of procuring Fire arms, Powder, Lead & Flints for the use of said towns, They giving security to the Treasurer to repay the said sum when required, & that the President give order accordingly.

Voted, That General Folsom Deliver to Capt. Benjamin Hickocks two hundred Pounds weight of Powder out of the Colony Stores, according to the Desire of the Com^{tee} of Portsmouth in consequence of an order from the Com^{tee} of Newbury Port, and that the President give order accordingly. [Concurred.]

The whole Council and House being resolved into a Committee of both houses to confer on the Necessary measures to be imediately Pursued in the present alarming circumstances of our Canada affairs &c. Having met in the Town House in Exeter, the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^{r} in the chair. After conferring upon the said measures,

Voted, That the General Court Proportion to each Coll^{o} or Commanding officer of each Regiment in this Colony How many men shall be raised in each Regiment forthwith to reinforce our Army in Canada, and That the said Colonels & Commanding officers shall be directed to proportion the said men among the several Companies in their respective regiments Including the Alarm List: and that the Number of men to be raised shall be fifteen hundred, including the seven hundred and fifty men already Voted to be raised for that service, and that they remain in the service till the first day of December next, and have the same allowance, Pay & Bounty as those heretofore appointed to be raised for Canada.

The above vote being read, voted That the same be made a Resolve of this House: Also voted That Capt. Long, Mr. Abbot and Capt. Moore be a Committee to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to make a Proportion of what number of men shall be raised in each Regiment in this Colony for a Reinforcement to our Army in Canada. Sent up by Maj^{r} Bartlett. [Concurred—Mr. Thornton, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Thompson joined.]

Voted, That there be paid by the Treasurer for all such good Fire arms as shall be manufactured in this Colony & bro't to the Treasurer agreeable to a former vote of this house, within one year from this time, Ten shillings each in addition to the three Pounds heretofore Voted.

[P. 127.] Voted, That there be Delivered to the Towns hereafter named and to the several Colonels hereafter named the several Quantitys of Powder hereafter mentioned (They being accountable for the Same) viz. To the Town of Wentworth nine Pounds weight, To the Town of Warren nine pounds weight, To the Town of Lyme thirty pounds weight, To the Town of New Chester Thirty pounds weight, To the Town of Rumney Thirty pounds weight, To the Town of Piermont Thirty pounds weight, To the Town of Orford Fifteen pounds weight, To the Town of Alexandria Twenty two pounds weight, To the Town of Salisbury Twenty-five pounds weight; To Col^{o} Benjamin Bellows for his Regiment to be divided between them in due proportion Two hundred pounds weight; and to Col^{o} Samuel Ashley for his regiment, to be divided between them in due proportion one hundred pounds weight—amounting in the whole to Five hundred pounds weight, to be accounted for as aforesaid, and that the President give orders accordingly. Sent up by Dr. Nichols. [Concurred.]

[P. 128.] Voted That Samuel Weare Esq. of Hamptonfalls, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

Whereas it is strongly suspected that Major Robert Rogers and one Samuel Dwyer are Enimical to the rights and Libertys of Americans,

Therefore Voted that it be and hereby is strongly recommended to the several Committees of Safety and of Correspondence in this Colony, or either of them, That they [take] effectual care to seize the bodies of the said Samuel Dwyer and Robert Rogers or either of them under proper guard, and convey them or either of them to this house or Committee of Safety of this Colony, as soon as may be for examination.

Wednesday, July 3^d 1776.

Voted, That the following number of men be raised in the several Regiments hereunder mentioned for the Reinforcement of our Colony in Canada, viz.

Col^o Whipple's Regiment one hundred & fifteen	115
Col^o Evens's Regiment, one hundred & fifty	150
Col^o Moulton's Regiment, eighty-eight—	88
Col^o Gilman's Regiment, one hundred & sixty three,	163
Col^o Ashley's regiment, one hundred,	100
Col^o Bellow's regiment, seventy-three	73
Late Col^o Hale's regiment one hundred & fifty-seven,	157
Col^o Bartlett's regiment one hundred & eleven	111
Col^o Thornton's regiment, sixty-six	66
Col^o Enoch Hale's regiment one hundred & seven,	107
Col^o Webster's regiment, Fifty-five	55
Col^o Moore's regiment, one hundred & twenty-six	126
Col^o Stickney's regiment, one hundred & sixteen	116
Col^o Badger's regiment, seventy-three	73
	1500 men.

And that General Folsom give orders to the several Colonels or Commanding officers of said Regiments Accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Moss. [Concurred.]

General Folsom's Order to Capt. James Gage.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 45.]

Colony of New Hamp^r } Exeter, July 3^{rd} 1776.
To Capt. JAMES GAGE, Greeting:

Pursuant to a vote of the Council and Assembly directing me hereto, I do hereby require you forthwith to raise and see Equipt sixteen men out of the Company under your Command to be Ready to march & Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan supposed to be at Crown Point; in raising which men you are to call on the Alarm List as well as the trained Band. The Number already enlisted & passed Muster (living within the bounds of your Town) for the service aforesaid, you are to consider as so many of said Number, and make return to the General Court or Committee of Safety, of your doings herein with all Despatch. The Persons appointed Muster Masters are to pay each man the Sum of Seven pounds eighteen shillings as a Bounty to Equip himself, and also Forty shillings for one months advance Wages. The Men are not to be detained in the service any longer than the first day of Decem^r next, and have liberty of choosing their officers. As our Lives and all that [is] Dear to us depend on our stopping the progress of our Enemies' Army from Canada into our Settlements;—for your own and your Country's sake, make no delay in pursuing this important Business, Especially as there is the greatest probability of General Sullivan's maintaining his ground at that strong pass and defeating the Enemy, if seasonably reinforced, which must disconcert them, as they cannot Recruit again from Europe this year.

NATH^l FOLSOM, Maj^r Gen^l.

Capt. Gage's Return.

Colony of New Hamp^r } Hillsborough, SS.

Amherst, July 24th 1776.

In obedience to the within order, I have indeavoured to Raise the men; But han't got but Ten. Several of the men that I laid it upon to do a turn absolutely refusing to Do anything toward going or hiering, (viz.) Joshua Atherton, John Hollon, Ebenezer Weston, &c. those being the Persons that aught to Do, and it is well known By the people: Therefore others will not Do any thing, till those or their Estates have Dun a turn.

JAMES GAGE, Capt.

To the Hon^{le} Committee of Safety
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

[NOTE. A similar order to that to Capt. Gage was issued to Maj'r Stephen Peabody, who made return as follows, viz.]

Amherst, July 16th 1776.

In obedience to the within order which I Rec^d on the 19th Inst. I have raised 14 able bodied & effective men, including two men who inlisted from Capt. Clemen's Company at Portsmouth, belonging to my Company; two only of my Quota are lacking, which I expect will be inlisted this day. All the men inlisted as above mentioned have pass'd muster before Deacon Baldwin of said Amherst, muster-master, and havd rec^d orders to march on Monday next.

STEPHEN PEABODY, Capt.

To the Honro^{bl} Committee of Safety
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Letter from the Selectmen of Wakefield.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 47.]

MR. NAT^l BALCH,

SIR—The present News with us is alarming with Regard to the Indians ; it is thought necessary that we should be better provided with arms & ammunition, and as there was a proposal last year to have something done by the Congress, we desire you would see if you can get something done that way, & if not see if you can procure the Stores proposed on the credit of the Town, & if nothing less will do, we will hire the money, if it can be procured & Reimburse it. We shall Rely on your doing the best you can for us & let us know as quick as possible.

We are in behalf of the Town,

Nathan Mordogh } Select
John Kimball } men.

Wakefield, July 3d, 1776.

Letter from Gen. Philip Schuyler.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 39.]

[Extract.] Albany, July 1, 1776.

Sir—"By a letter from General Sullivan of the 24th ult. I have Reason to believe that our army is now on its way to Crown Point. I leave this to morrow in order to join it. Every exertion must be made to prevent the Enemy from crossing Lake Champlain, & I have a Confidential hope that we shall be able to retard their progress by a superior naval Force, which is daily Increasing in so much that we have already built & equipped two Gundoloes & I hope to have two more every week for a succession of at least five or six weeks."

Respectfully, your obt. servt.

Ph: Schuyler.

Hon. Meshech Weare, &c.

Recd Albany July 1st, 1776, from Benjamin Giles & James Betten, Esqrs. in Specie, the sum of one thousand one hundred & forty seven pounds, one shilling, Lawful money of New England, equal to three thousand eight hundred and twenty three Dollars & an half: It being money sent by the Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire by said Benjamin Giles & James Betten, Esqrs to be lodged in my hands for the use of the army of the United American Colonies, which sum I am accountable for to this or any future Congress, and for which I have given Duplicate Receipts of this tenor & date.

Ph: Schuyler.

£3823½ Dolls. M. General.

From the Selectmen of Rochester.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 51.]

To the Honorable Meshech Weare, Esq. President of the General Assembly, now Setting:

Sir—

We Receiv'd an order from the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire, in which we were Desired to Deliver to Collo Steven Evans a five pound Cannon which is in this Town, to be return'd to Piscataqua Harbour, &c. Collo Evans appli'd for said Cannon in April last, but without an order: we told the Collo we lookt upon the Cannon to be the Towns Property, & that it might be of service in alarming the Country &c. but still we told him we were willing it should be carried where your Honours should think it would answer the best End, in case he would give a Receipt & promis the value thereof Equal to what hath been given for other Cannon bought for the use of the Colony, on which the Coll° told us, he was in no Capacity to Receive it on that condition & so left it.

On Saturday, 29th June last, Coll° Evans sent again for said Cannon, & likewise sent the above order, but as the same difficulty subsisted that there was at first (there being no person to give a Receipt or rather security) the Cannon was not Deliver'd.

The Selectmen acquainted the Committee of Safety for said Town with their proceedings Relative to the Cannon; they justify'd our Proceedings, yet thought the Cannon ought to be carried where it would answer the best End; But yet thought our Request for the value thereof not unreasonable.

We would herewith Testifye our Redyness to obey all such orders as we shall Receive from the Honorable House from time to time, as also our willingness with Lives and fortunes to bear our Proportionable Part in Defending & securing to us the Rights, Liberties & Privileges we are now contending for, &c.

We are, Sir, yours & the Honorable House's
Most Humble & obedient Servts.

JABEZ DAME
BARNABAS PALMER } Selectmen of Rochester.
WILLIAM ALLEN

Rochester, July 3d, 1776.

Copy of General Sullivan's letter to Col° Hoisington of Woodstock, New York Gov.t West of Connect River.

Crown Point, July 3d 1776.

DR SIR—

I this moment recd yr favor of the 28th ult., am much obliged by yr kind offer of assistance, but have the pleasure to inform you that at present our army, weak and reduced by sickness as it is, will be fully sufficient to oppose any force wch may be sent against us at present; I am well convinced that the Enemy have neither Boats to transport any army nor armed vessels upon the Lake to defend themselves against us; for wch reason I Suppose they will be very careful about making any attempt upon us at present; perhaps some future day we may find ourselves under the necessity of embracing your generous offer;—in the mean time beg you & those friendly Americans to hold yourselves in readiness either to defend yourselves, or repair to this place as occasion may require.

Dr Sir, I am, &c
JNO SULLIVAN.

[P. 129.] The Committee on Col° Morey's account agree to Report,

That the Goods Col° Morey has on hand for which he charges one hundred pounds ought to remain as his own Property, and the charge against the Colony taken off,—and the State of the account being such as they cannot at present enter into an examination thereof, they would recommend that no money be paid thereon untill a proper settlement can be made.

Signed, M. Thornton, chairman.

Which report being read, Voted That the same be receiv'd & Enter'd as a resolve of this house.

Voted, That Capt. Worthen be appointed Muster master of the Soldiers enlisted for the Canada reinforcement, now at New Castle, and that he pay them off their Bounty and one months advance wages, and that he return a roll thereof to this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

[P. 130.] Voted, That Col° Nicholas Gilman be Desired & Directed to keep a Guard of two men every night and one man every day about the Powder house in Exeter, in order to Secure it from being Destroyed, and that he give order to said Guard daily for their conduct in that affair, until further order of this Court or of the Committee of Safety, and that the charge of said Guards be paid by the Colony. Sent up by the Clerke. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board, to receive the returns of the muster masters appointed to Muster the Troops destined to Canada, and to make report to this house thereon, and from time to time to report when any sufficient Number of said Troops are ready to march, and that Capt. Harriman, Capt. Moulton, & Capt. Prentice be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Deacon Knowles.

Col° David Gilman appearing before both Houses to answer the Complaint of Samuel Penhallow Esq^r^ as on file, and being fully heard and the matter being duly considered, it is voted, That the said Complaint be dismist.

In Council, July 5^th^ 1776.

The Board having heard Col° David Gilman's defence on the compl^t^ of Sam^l^ Penhallow Esq^r^ respecting Col° Gilman's asserting that the soldiers under his command were subject to martial Law only, are of opinion that the sentiments conveyed in Col° Gilman's Letter, plainly and in express words denied the Right of the Civil Power to control the Military; and thereby gave just Reason for Mr. Penhallow to be alarmed at such a Doctrine, especially from the Commanding Military officer of the Standing Troops in this Colony.

And the Board do return Mr. Penhallow their sincere thanks for his attachment to and care of, so essential & Fundamental a principle of the Constitution & Rights of the People.

Nevertheless do believe that the sentiments convey'd in the afores^d^ Letter escaped from Col° Gilman thro' inattention or Ruffle of his mind & convey'd Ideas different from his real sentiments.

[P. 131.] Voted and Resolved, That there be Emitted Twenty Thousand one hundred and sixty Pounds Lawful money upon the credit of this Colony for the use and service thereof in bills of the Following Denominations, viz.

3200 bills of Six Dollars, is	£5760	3200 bills of three Dollars, is	£2880
3200 bills of five Dollars, is	4800	3200 bills of Two Dollars, is	1920
3200 bills of four Dollars, is	3860	3200 bills of one Dollar, is	960
	14400		5760
			14400
		in the whole,	£20,160

And that the same be redeemed by a Tax on the Polls & Estates of the rateable Inhabitants of this Colony in the following manner, viz.

£5000 by the 26th of January 1789,
£5000 by the 26th of January 1790
£5000 by the 26th of January 1791
£5160 by the 26th of January 1792,

And that the said bills be of the same form as those Emitted by vote of this Assembly of the 26th January last past, and that Dr. Levi Dearborn together with such member of the Honble Board as they shall appoint, be a Committee to procure the Materials and superintend the Press while the said Bills are printing, and to deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony (for the time being) and take his receit therefor—all which bills, after their Redemption, shall be burnt to ashes in the presence of the Council and Assembly, and that Phillips White Esq Mr. John Smith and Mr. Josiah Moulton the third, or any Two of them be a Committee to sign the said bills. Sent up Capt. Simonds. [Concurred—Meshech Weare joined.]

[P. 132.] Thursday, July 4th, 1776.

A message came down from the Honble Board by Col. Thornton & Gen. Folsom advising that the Genl be directed to send out orders to the several Colonels & Commanding officers of each Regiment to raise at present their several Quotas of only seven hundred and fifty men for the Canada Expedition, instead of the Fifteen hundred men Voted to be raised for that Expedition; Which message being considered, Voted, That this house adhere to the same—and in about half an hour afterwards, a new requisition for more men being laid before the House, Voted, That the last mentioned vote of adherence to the said advice of Council, be and hereby is Reconsidered and made null and void.

Voted, To choose a Committee to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to confer upon the expediency of choosing a Large Committee of this house to be join'd to a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board, as a Committee of Safety to transact the Business of both Houses in the Recess of the Court, and to consult what time the General Assembly shall be adjourned from, and also to what time; and to make report as soon as may be,—and that Ichabod Rollins Esq^{r} Col. Walker, John McClary Esq^{r} Mr. Abbot and Deacon Baldwin be the Committee of this House for the purposes aforesaid. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

Their Report.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to confer about choosing a Committee of Safety, and an adjournment, beg leave to Report their opinion as follows : viz.

That the Committee of Safety consist of Twelve Persons ; That the General Assembly be adjourned this week as soon as the Public Business will permit, to the first Wednesday in September next.

Signed, M. Thornton, Chairman.

Voted, That Capt. Pierce Long be appointed to Provide all necessarys for Equipping and fixing off the reinforcements for the Canada expedition. [Concurred.]

[P. 133.] Voted, That Maj^{r} Moses Kelley be appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Ninth Regiment of Militia in this Colony in the room of Col. David Gilman (who is advanced) and that Major Samuel Page be first Major & Capt. James Head be the second Major of said Regiment. Sent up by Capt. Simonds. [Concurred.]

Voted, That three hundred hand bills be Imediately printed & Distributed in this Colony in the following words, viz.

"Colony of New Hampshire:

To the Selectmen and Committees of Safety and of Correspondence, and to all officers Civil and Military in the Several Towns in this Colony:

"You and each of you are now called upon in behalf of yourselves & your distressed Country to exert every Nerve in forwarding the Enlisting & making up the Quotas of men in the respective places you belong to that they may March forward and join their Brethren under General Sullivan & Enable him to repel the army coming against us from Canada."

Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Eight Muster masters be appointed for the Eight Companies of Militia last Voted to be raised for the

Reinforcement of our army in Canada, viz. One for each of said Companys, Who shall be Impowered to muster the said respective Companys, Pay them off, and see them fixt for marching, and give them marching orders; and also that they receive Blank Commissions for the Captains and subaltern officers of their respective Companies, and when said officers shall be chosen by the soldiers, then to fill up said Commissions & Deliver them to the said respective officers, that they may march Imediately; and that the said Muster masters have power to preside at the meeting of the soldiers to see a fair choice of the respective officers: and that Major Bartlett, Col° Samuel Sherburne, Mr. John Bell, Major Samuel Philbrick, Col° Moses Kelley, Deacon James Knowles, Mr. Asa Davis, & Colonel Samuel Ashley, be the Muster masters of the said Companies. Sent up by Maj^r Bartlett. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col° Joshua Wingate be appointed first Colonel of the Second Regiment now raising in this Colony for a reinforcement to our army in Canada, and that Major James Hackett be Lieutenant Colonel, & that Lieut. Col° Samuel Connor be Major of said Regiment. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred.]

[P. 134.] Voted That Capt. Joseph Chandler have Enlisting orders to Enlist a Company of Soldiers for the Canada Expedition in the room of Capt. Hadlock who resigns. [Concurred.]

Friday July 5^th, 1776.

Upon the Information of the Committee of Safety of Stratham against Capt. George March, as a person being Enimical to the Liberties of this Country &c.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^bl Board to Examin into the matter of their complaint & Information, and to make report thereon, as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice Capt. Harriman & Matthew Patten Esq^r Mr. Samuel Moore & Dr. Nichols be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred—Messrs. Thornton, Wentworth & Folsom added.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Hon^ble Council, made Report:

That upon Questioning said March, and after reading sundry testimonies, they are of opinion that said March is inimical to his Country,

and that he ought to be taken care of in such manner as the said Houses shall judge proper.

Signed, M. Thornton, Chairman.

[P. 135.] Voted, That Maj^r Joseph Bass of Portsmouth be appointed Paymaster to the second Regiment now to be raised in this Colony, and destined for Canada, he giving bond with Two sufficient Sureties in a Respectable sum for the Faithfull Discharge of his said trust.

[Noah Emery jun. of Exeter, in like manner, appointed paymaster to the first Regiment, &c.] [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to Nominate a proper person for a Maritime officer, and also a proper person or persons for a Notary Publick or Notaries Publick for this Colony and that Col^o Walker & John Dudley Esq^r be the Committee of this house for that purpose.

An Act for Establishing Courts of Law for the Administration of Justice within this Colony was read a third time and passed to be Enacted. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved that the several Courts of Law within this Colony be and hereby are Prohibited from trying any Civil Actions until the next Session of the Assembly, and that they proceed as usual to hear and Try all Capital Crimes, Misdemeanors, Trovers, Trespasses, Assaults, Batteries, Robberies, Thefts and other Breaches of the Peace committed within their respective Jurisdictions—and that the fees to be taken or taxed in the said several Courts shall be taken according to the last Table of fees established in this Colony, until the last of the next Session of this Assembly, or until otherwise ordered by the General Assembly, and no longer. Sent up by Maj^r Tash.

Voted That the Constable of Exeter be directed to seize the body of George March and safely keep him till called for by this House, to be examined & Tried on suspicion of being Enimical to the Liberties of this Country, and that the Clerk make out a warrant accordingly, and send out summons for Witnesses by Major Barker.

[P. 136.] Voted That Eleaser Russell, Esq. of Portsmouth be appointed Maritime officer of the Port of Piscataqua, and that the Hon^{ble} Wyseman Claggett Esq^r and John Pickering Esq^r be appointed Notaries Publick and Tabellions for this Colony.

Voted, That Samuel Penhallow Esq^r be appointed a justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham in the room & stead of George King Esq^r who refuses to accept that office.

Voted That William Knight Esq^r be appointed a special Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham, in case of the Death or Incapacity of either of the standing Justices. [The above appointments severally Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to Nominate Fifteen Persons of the Council & of this house to be a Committee of Safety for this Colony to transact the business of both Houses in the recess of the General Court; and that Col^o Walker, Col^o Baker, Capt. Simonds, Capt. Prentice, Mr. Brainerd, Mr. Bell, & John McClary Esq^r be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Dakin. [Concurred—Col. Thornton added.]

The Council and House taking into consideration the accusations laid against Capt. George March of Stratham, as being Inimical to the Liberties of this Country, and a full hearing being had thereon before both Houses, and sundry Witnesses being sworn & examined:—It appears to this Court That the said George March has uttered many words against the Liberties and Privileges of this Country: It is therefore

Voted and Resolved, That the said George March confine himself to the limits of the Farm which he now Improves in Stratham, on Pain of Imprisonment; and that he recognize to the Government & People of this Colony of New Hampshire in the sum of one hundred Pounds, with two sureties in Fifty pounds Each for his good behaviour, untill further order of this Court; and that in the mean time he be Disarmed by the Committee of Stratham. Sent up by Col^o Baker. [Concurred.]

[P. 138.] Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Matthew Thornton, Nathaniel Folsom, Ebenezer Thompson & Wyseman Clagett, Esq^{rs} of the Council, the Hon. Phillips White Esq^r John Dudley, Timothy Walker, Matthew Patten, Otis Baker, Josiah Moulton, Benjamin Barker, Nathaniel Sartel Prentice & Peirse Long Esq^{rs} and Mr. John Smith of this house be a Committee of Safety for this Colony, To transact all the Business of both Houses in the recess of the General Court, with all the Power and Authority that any Committee of

Safety of this Colony heretofore chosen or appointed Have had and Exercised; and to Appoint and Commission officers, in case of the death or refusal of those that are already appointed, and on any emergency to call the Council and House together, as occasion may require; And that any Eight of said Committee be a Quorum to Do Business. Sent up by Col. Baker. [Concurred.]

Saturday, July 6th 1776.

Voted, That the Committee of Safety have and receive out of the Treasury Six shillings per day Each for the time they set in Committee, and also pay for their travel as the members of the General Assembly are paid.

Voted, That Lieut. Col° Samuel Connor be appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment Destined for Canada under command of Col° Joshua Wingate, and that Capt. Moses Baker be appointed Major of said Regiment. [Concurred.]

[P. 139.] Voted to raise four Companys of Rangers of fifty men in a Company, three Commissioned officers Included, to Range on the frontiers of this Colony, to guard the said frontiers against the Incursions of the Enemy, and to be paid the same wages as the Colony Troops had last year, and also Blanket to each non-commissioned officer and soldier and to remain in the said service until the first day of December next unless sooner discharged, and that the said Companys be raised in the several Regiments of Col° Hobart Col° Morey & Col. Chase, and that they receive their orders, Directions & Commissions from the Committee of Safety in the recess of this Court.

Voted, That Col° Jonathan Chase receive out of the Colony Stock Three Barrels of Powder for the use of his regiment and the frontiers adjacent, and that the President give orders accordingly.

[P. 160.] Voted That any person who shall Manufacture in this Colony Good Sulphur and bring in the same to Doct. Josiah Gilman at Exeter within six months next ensuing, shall receive out of the Treasury, at & after the rate of Two dollars for every hundred weight upon Certificate of the said Dr. Josiah Gilman that he hath received the same of such person for the use of this Colony: Such person being under oath that the same was manufactured in this Colony.

And that any person who shall manufacture in this Colony good Bar lead within six months next ensuing, and deliver the Same to Nicholas Gilman Esq^{r}, Receiver General (who is to put such person on oath that the Same was manufactured in this Colony) should be entitled to six pounds per hundred weight therefor out of the Treasury. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Committee of Safety be Directed to Remonstrate to the Continental Congress against allowing any person or Persons Extravagant Commissions for transacting the Public Business, in this Distressing day.

Voted That the members of the Hon^{bl} Council and of this House be paid out of the Treasury six shillings per day Each for each days attendance in this session, and two-pence per mile Travel to and from their respective homes, and that the consideration of the method how the same shall be replaced in the Treasury be postponed to a future day; and that the Secretary and the Clerk of the House make out the Pay rolls accordingly.

Acts, petitions, acct^{s} &c. passed on by the House and concurred by the Council, from the 1st to 6th July, 1776. (See Rec. of Council.)

Alex^{r} Craige & Mich^{l} Dwyer to receive £45. for purchasing fire arms lead & flints &c. for the use of the town of Rumney.

Col^{o} Morey, £50, do. for Orford.

Capt. Jonathan Chandler, £50, do. for Piermont.

Capt. Prentice £200, do. for Col. Bellows regiment.

Abner Fellows & Eliphalet Gale, £4: 6: 0. do. for New Chester and Alexandria.

Samuel Cressy, £5: do. for Holderness.

Gen. Nath^{l} Folsom to deliver Samuel Cressy 25 pounds of powder for the use of inhabitants of Holderness.

Acct. of Thomas Hart, allowed, £8: 10: 0.

Capt. Tim^{o} Clements allow'd on Pay roll £51: 18: 1.

Capt. Nathan Brown, allow'd on Pay roll £16: 7: 5.

Major Jonathan Childs, to receive £50, for fire arms, &c. for the use of the town of Lyme.

Danl. Warner, allow'd £26: 19: 5½.

Col. David Gilman's Staff-roll, allow'd, £83: 1: 0.

Capt. John Calfe's pay-roll allow'd, £325: 9: 10.

Capt. Caleb Hodgdon's Pay-roll allow'd, £329: 12: 8.

Hon. Col. Weare & Dr. Dearborn, allowed for Paper for printing bills of Credit, £20.

Paymasters appointed for Two Battalions to be sent to Canada.

Muster-masters & pay masters for the last regiment to Canada
to receive from the Treasury, £940 each, to pay off the Troops.
" " for the regiment now raising £171, each.

Committee appointed to give out blank Commissions.

Committee appointed to nominate Justices, &c.

Simeon Dearborn and Nath^{l} Balch, to receive £30, for purchasing powder for Wakefield.

Samuel Jones & Elisha Bingham, to have twenty five pounds of Powder, for Canaan & Enfield.

" " to receive £5: for purchasing Lead and Flints for said Towns.

Capt. Nathan Brown's pay-roll, allow'd, £267: 4: 7, in full.

Capt. Tim^{o} Clements pay-roll, allow'd, £238: 15: 0, in full.

Nicholas Gilman, Rec^{r} Gen. authorized to borrow £5000.

Dea. Isaac Williams, acct. allow'd, 20*s*.

Josh^{a} Wiggin, acct allow'd, £4: 18: 0.

Rich^{d} Champney's acct. allow'd £22: 6: 2.

Acts passed.

An Act for fixing out armed vessels to defend the sea-coast.

An Act for regulating marriages.

An Act for establishing Courts of Law.

Fees in the Maritime Court established.

The House Adjourned to the First Wednesday in September next at three of the clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the Court House in Exeter.

Attest, NOAH EMERY, Clerk D' R.

Court Maritime Fees.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 65.]

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To the Attorney or Advocate General for drawing a libel	0:	6:	0
To the Judge for allowing the same	0:	3:	0
To the Register for filing	0:	2:	0
For a citation for appearance, seal & service, viz. 2*s* to the Judge, 2*s* to the Register, and to the Marshall, 3*s*	0:	7:	0
For a Summons for witnesses, and seal, viz. to the Judge 1*s* & to the Register, 1*s*	0:	2:	0
For filing Papers and taxing costs, viz. to the Judge 1*s* & to the Register 1s.	0:	2:	0
For an Interlocutory Decree & Recording, viz. to the Judge 4*s*. to the Register 1*s*, & to the Marshall 3*s*	0:	8:	0
To the Cryer 1*s*, to the Register for an Enactment 1s,	0:	2:	0
For Decree definitive & recording, viz. to the Judge 10*s* to the Register 6*s*	0:	16:	0
To the marshall for Evidence summoned within a mile of the Court 6*d;* if above, 3*d* per mile	0:	0:	6
To the marshall for Bail Bond, to be paid by the person bailed	0:	0:	9
For levying Execution, the same as the sheriff & for travel as in the sheriff's fees			
For executing a warrant for Debtors, Deserters &c. on Board a ship at the wharf, 4*s*,	0:	4:	0
If at New-Castle or up the river above Portsmouth,	0:	8:	0
For taking a vessel into custody, upon any arrest for wages	0:	6:	0

For taking every evidence in Court & summoning viz. to the Judge 6*d*, to the register 6*d*, and to the marshall, 6*d*	0: 1: 6
To the Advocates fees	0: 6: 0
To the Register for Copy of a libel 1*s*	0: 1: 0
To copy of Information 1*s*. 6*d*	0: 1: 6
To copy of Decree 1s. 9*d*	0: 1: 9
For a *Relsavit* viz. to the Judge 4*s*. to the Register 1s. 6d, Marshall 1*s*, door keeper 6*d*,	0: 7: 0
For a warrant of appraisement or service & for Debtors or Deserters, viz. to the Judge 2*s*, to the Register 4*s*.	0: 6: 0
For sailors wages 1*s* each man, to the register for adjusting their accots	0: 1: 0
To the Register for entering every motion for an appeal 4*s*	0: 4: 0
To the Judge for allowing or disallowing thereof 8*s*	0: 8: 0
For copies of every case, as the clerk of the Superior Court.	
To the Register for every adjournment 8*d*	0: 0: 8
To the Marshall for summoning appraisors, each, 1*s*	0: 1: 0
To the doorkeeper and Bell 9*d*	0: 0: 9
To the Jurors & officers who summon them, the same as the Super Court.	

Colony of N. Hampshire.

In the House of Representatives, July 6th, 1776.

Resolved, That the within Bill of fees for the Court Maritime in this Colony, & for the several officers of said Court, be a rule for the said officers, as to taking their fees in all cases Maritime Triable in said Court, untill further order of the General Assembly. Sent up for concurrence. P. White, Speaker.

In Council, Eodem die.
Read & concurred, E. Thompson, Secy.

Note. The Declaration of Independence, which follows, is recorded immediately after the foregoing "Journal of the House of Representatives." It is written in a large, bold, legible hand, with *red ink*. And although the Declaration is found in every variety of form, and in many publications elsewhere, the editor thinks proper to give an exact copy of it here, as a document subscribed by our own honored delegates in Congress, and belonging in part to our own history, to be transmitted to our children and children's children of future generations.—Ed.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCY.

In Congress July 4th, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen (By the Representatives of the) United States of America (In General Congress Assembled).

When in the Course of Human Events it becomes Necessary for one People to Dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to Assume among the Powers of the Earth, The separate and Equal Station to which the Laws of Nature & of Nature's God Entitle them, A Decent Respect to the opinions of mankind Require that they should declare the causes which Impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident: That All men are created Equal, That they are Endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights, That among these are Life, Liberty & the pursuit of Happiness; That to secure these Rights, Governments are Instituted among men, Deriving their Just Powers from the consent of the Governed; That whenever any form of Government becomes Destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to Alter or Abolish it, and to Institute New Government, Laying its Foundation on such Principles & Organizing its Powers in such Form as to them shall seem most likely to Effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will Dictate that Governments long Established should not be changed for light & Transient Causes, and accordingly all Experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are Sufferable, than to right themselves by Abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed: But when a Long Train of abuses and Usurpations, Pursuing Invariably the same object, Evinces a Design to Reduce them under Absolute Despotism, It is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government and to provide new Guards for their Future Security. Such has been the Patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former System of Government.

The History of the Present King of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in Direct Object the Establishment of an Absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this let Facts be submitted to a Candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws the most wholsom and Necessary for the Public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of imediate pressing Importance unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to Attend to them.

He has refused to Pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, A Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable and Distant from the Depository of their Public Records, for the sole Purpose of Fatiguing them into compliance with his Measures.

He has Dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be Elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their Exercise; The State remaining in the meantime exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, & convulsions within.

He has Endeavoured to Prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to Pass others to Encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the conditions of New Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for Establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges Dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of New Offices, and sent hither Swarms of officers to Harras our People, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us in times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.

He has Affected to render the Military Independent of, and superior to, the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction Foreign to our Constitution, unacknowledged by our Laws; given his Assent to their Acts of Pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us;

For Protecting them by a mock Trial from Punishment, for any murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States;

For Cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world;

For Imposing Taxes on us without our consent;

For Depriving us, in many cases, of the benefit of trial by Jury;

For Transporting us beyond Seas, to be tried for Pretended Offences;

For Abolishing the Free System of English Laws in a Neighboring Province, Establishing therein an Arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example & fit Instrument for Introducing the same absolute Rule in these Colonies;

For Taking away our Charters, abolishing our most Valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments.

For suspending our own Legislatures & Declaring themselves Invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has Abdicated Government here, by Declaring us out of his Protection, and waging War against us.

He has Plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, Burnt our Towns, and Destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is at this time, Transporting Large Armies of Foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of Death, Desolation & Tyranny already begun, with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely Parallelled in the most Barbarous ages, and Totally unworthy the Head of a Civilized Nation.

He has constrained our Fellow Citizens taken Captive on the High Seas, to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to Fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited Domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has Endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of the Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have Petitioned for redress in the most Humble Terms: our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury.

A Prince whose Character is thus marked by every Act which may Define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free People.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren: We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our Emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their Native Justice and Magnanimity. We have conjured them by the Ties of common kindred to Disavow these Usurpations, which inevitably Interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must Therefore Acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Seperation, And hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind—ENEMIES IN WAR; IN PEACE FRIENDS.

We, Therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, In General Congress Assembled, Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, Do, in the Name and by the Authority of the Good People of these Colonies, Solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, That they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all Political Connection, between them and the State of Britain is, and ought to be Totally Dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States they have full power to Levy War, Conclude Peace, Contract Alliances, Establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of Right do: And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, We mutually Pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress
JOHN HANCOCK.

Attest
CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.
Enter'd According to the Original
pr. NOAH EMERY, Cler D. Rep.

[SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS.]

New Hampshire	Josiah Bartlett Wm. Whipple Matthew Thornton (1)
Massachusetts Bay	Samuel Adams John Adams Rob^{t} Treat Paine Elbridge Gerry
Rhode Island	Step^{n} Hopkins William Ellery
Connecticut	Roger Sherman Sam^{l} Huntington Wm. Williams Oliver Wolcott
Georgia	Butler Gwinnett Lyman Hull Geo. Walton
North Carolina	Wm. Hooper Joseph Hewes John Penn
South Carolina	Edward Rutledge Tho^{s} Heyward, jun Tho^{s} Lynch, jun Arthur Middleton
Maryland	Samuel Chase William Paca Tho^{s} Stone Charles Carroll of, Carrolton
Virginia	George Wythe Richard Henry Lee Tho^{s} Jefferson Benj^{a} Harrison Tho^{s} Nelson, jun. Francis Lightfoot Lee Carter Braxton.
Pennsylvania	Robert Morris Benjamin Rush Benj^{a} Franklin John Morton Geo. Clymer James Smith Geo: Taylor James Wilson Geo: Ross.
Delaware	Cæsar Rodney George Read.
New York	William Floyd Phil. Livingston Fran^{s} Lewis Lewis Morris
New Jersey	Richard Stockton Jn^{o} Witherspoon Fran^{s} Hopkinson John Hart Abra^{m} Clark

In Congress, January 18th, 1777.

Ordered, That an authenticated Copy of the Declaration of Independence, with the Names of the Members of Congress, subscribing the same, be sent to each of the United States, and that they be desired to have the same put on Record By order of Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Attest, Cha^{s} Thomson, Se^{cy}.

A true Copy, John Hancock, President.

Entered & Recorded, Pr. N. Emery, Clk. D R. in New Hampshire.

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(1) Matthew Thornton was chosen delegate to the Continental Congress, Sept. 12, 1776; but on his arrival there he signed the Declaration, it being kept open for the purpose of additional signatures until January, 1777.

RETURNS OF THE ASSOCIATION TEST,

✓ *Sent out by order of the General Congress, containing the names of Eight Thousand, one hundred and Ninety-nine Persons in New Hampshire, who signed it: By which they solemnly engaged and promised that they would, to the utmost of their power and at the risk of their Lives and Fortunes, with* ARMS, *oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies, against the United American Colonies.*

With

The NAMES *of 773 Persons who refused to sign it.*

[Copied from a MS. volume in Secry's office, labelled "RETURNS OF ASSOCIATION TEST, 1776," and arranged by the late JOHN FARMER, Esq., agreeable to order of the Legislature of New Hampshire, 1837. —ED.]

Colony of New Hampshire,

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY,

April 12th 1776.

In order to carry the underwritten RESOLVE of the Hon'ble Continental Congress into Execution, you are requested to desire all Males above Twenty one years of age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes excepted) to sign to the DECLARATION on this Paper; and when so done, to make Return thereof, together with the Name or Names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

IN CONGRESS, March 14, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, *immediately* to cause all Persons to be *disarmed*, within their Respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of AMERICA, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, to defend by ARMS, the United

Colonies, against the Hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies.

(Copy) *Extract from the Minutes.*
CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

In Consequence of the above Resolution of the Hon. Continental CONGRESS, and to show our Determination in joining our American Brethren, in defending the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of the inhabitants of the United Colonies:

WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE, AND PROMISE, THAT WE WILL, TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISQUE OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEETS AND ARMIES AGAINST THE UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES.

[Remarks on the foregoing by the late John Farmer, Esq.]

The preceding TEXT was the Declaration of Independence by the People of New Hampshire. It was a similar act to that of the Patriots who signed the National Declaration on the 4th July 1776. It preceded that event, and seems to have been a sanction or an encouragement to those who contemplated it. It was a bold and hazardous step in subjects thus to resist the authority of one of the most powerful Sovereigns in the world. Had the cause in which these men pledged their Lives and Fortunes failed, "it would have subjected every individual who signed it to the pains and penalties of treason; to a cruel and ignominious death."

It is not to be understood that all who declined signing it were Tories or were disaffected to the American cause; Some of them were *Friends*, whose principles forbade their signing a pledge to oppose their enemies with ARMS; others, who were really friends to the cause of opposition to the British, had conscientious scruples, and others doubtless were influenced by their timidity. Among those whose conscientious scruples prevented from giving such a pledge was Eleazer Russell, Esq. of Portsmouth, (1) who in a letter to President Weare, Says, "It was, and is, merely to secure the morality of my mind that I was reluctant to put my name to it. Solemnly to bind myself to the performance of what nature and necessity rendered impossible, I started at the thought of. And though my health is mended, so wrecked are my nerves, that I could not do one hours military duty to save my life. The article of shedding blood, in me is not a humor, but a principle—not an evasion but a fact. It was received in early life, and has "grown with my growth, and strengthened with my strength." Not a partiality for British more than Savage blood; for all circumstances considered, I think the latter more innocent than the former."

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(1) See the letter of Mr. Russell on a subsequent page.

Note by the Editor.

[A copy of the preceding Resolve of the Continental Congress, with the action of the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire thereon, was sent to the Selectmen of each town in the Colony, requiring them to obtain names to the subjoined PLEDGE. The editor does not deem it necessary to repeat and reprint for each town, the whole of the aforesaid action; the PLEDGE only, once inserted, will suffice for all. Neither will these names be repeated in the Index.]

SIGNERS IN AMHERST.

WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE, AND PROMISE, THAT WE WILL, TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISQUE OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEETS AND ARMIES, AGAINST THE UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES.

[The names are always spelled as originally written.]

Nahum Baldwin
Moses Nichols
Wm. Bradford
Josiah Crosby
Peter Woodbury
Thomas Burns
Robert Means
Nathan Jones
Henry Codman,
Peter Robertson
Jonathan Smith
John Burns
Stephen Warner
Sam^{l} Harris
David Hildreth
Eph^{m} Booker
Henry Kimball
William Low
Sam^{l} Stanley
Jonathan Grimes
Amos Flint
William Read
Joseph Steel
Wm. Odell
Joseph Boutel
Timothy Smith
Tho^{s} Durell ?
Ephraim Hildreth
Nathan Kendall
Benjamin Day
Reuben Bouttel
Eben^{r} Rea
Kendal Boutwell

Oliver Carlton
Hezekiah Lovejoy
Enos Bradford
Thomas Towne
Daniel Stephens
James Seeton
Benj^{m} Hopkins
Jacob Curtice
Jacob Curtice, jun.
Jon^{a} Taylor
Josiah Dodge
Wm. Codman
Silas Cummings
Ananias McAllister
Joseph Steel jun
Timothy Nichols
Benjamin Hopkins
Eben^{r} Hopkins
John Burns
Benj^{a} Hutchinson
John Seetoun
Wm. Wilkins
Francis Lovejoy
John Cochran
James Gillmore
Josiah Sawyer Jn
Jon^{a} Twiss
Richard Hughes
John Hartshorn
Nathan Jones, jun
Amos Flint, jun
Samuel Steward
Nathan Hutchinson

Robert Read
Samuel Holt
Archelaus Town
Daniel Abbot
Joseph Gould
Jonathan Sawyer
Samson Crosby
Nathaniel Barret
Nathan Hutchinson jun
John Grimes
Israel Town, jun.
William Taylor
Jonathan Lund
Isaac Wright
Benj^{a} Kendrick
Josiah Kidder
William Peacock
Joseph Peirce
David Dunkle
John Kendall, junor.
Isaac How
Jacob Blodgett
Adam Patterson
Josiah Sawyer
George Burns
John Burns, juner
Joseph Rollings
Isaac Holt
Joseph Cogin
John Roby
John Twiss
James McKeen
Tho^{s} Wakefield, Jun^{r}.

Ebenezer Holt, juner
Jonathan Lampson
Ephraim Abbott
Moses Kimball
Samuel Taylor
Allen Goodridge
Thomas Averall, jun^r
Francis Elliott
Elisha Fulton
Nathan Fuller
John Duncklee
Amos Green
James Hartshorn
John Washer
David Green
Phinehas Upham
Jn^o Shepard, junior.
Simpson Steward
Samuel Genis
Dimond Mussey
Moses Barron
Benjamin Merrill
Jonathan Lyon
William Hogg
John Mitchell
John Lovejoy
Jacob Lovejoy
Jacob Hildreth
Samuel Henry
John Patterson
Joseph Prince, jun.
William Fisk, jun^r
William Fisk
Bartholoma Dodge
William Small
Joseph Small
William Small, jun^r
Ebenezer Hutchinson
John Harwood
John Tuck
William Peabody, jun^r
Jonathan Wilkins, jun^r
John Seccombe
Jacob Standly
William Peabody
Joseph Boutell
Reuben Holt
Michael Kelf
Joseph Prince
Abijah Wilkins
Thomas Weston
John Averial
William Lamson
John Cole
Isaac Weston
Nathan Cole
Thomas Towne
Joshua Wright
Joshua Wilkins
Thos. Clark
Lemuel Winchester
Daniel Smith
Isaac Smith
Nathan Flint
John Damon
James Woodbury
Benjamin Temple
Joseph Langdell
Richard Ward
Nathaniel Haseltine
Stephen Farnum
William Wallace
Peters? Parker
Andrew Bradford
Stephen Burnam
Abner Hutchinson
David? True
Israel Town
John Bradford
Joseph Dunkley
Ebenezer Averil
Elisha Hutchinson
Joseph Farnum
Amos Stickney
Joseph Wallace
Jacob Smith
Ezekiel Upton
Nathan Cleaves
Joel Howe
Stephen Peabody
William Odell, jun^r
Eben^r Temple
Ephraim French
Benj^a Dodge
James Gage
Wm Mellony, jun^r
Eben^r Weston
Richard Goold
Samuel Blasdell
Solomon Kittredge
Timothy Hill
Jn^o Wilkins

Amherst—Total 201.

[Note. Amherst at this time included Milford and Mont-Vernon.—Ed.]

To the Honb^l The Committee of Safety For the State of New Hamp^r, or the Gen^l Assembly thereof.

Pursuant to the Request on this paper from the Committee of Safety &c. to us Directed, we have invited those persons therein mentioned to sign to the Declaration on this paper &c. and all that have seen it have signed Except

Joshua Atherton Esq^r *Mr. Daniel Campbell*
Mr. Samuel Dodge *& Col^o John Shepard*

Tho^s Wakefield
Reuben Mussey
Sam^l Wilkins
} Selectmen of Amherst.

SIGNERS IN ALLENSTOWN.

Josiah Allen
John Hayes
Jacob Gay
David Knox
John Leonard
Sm^{ll} Smith
his
Samuel X Kinsen
mark
George? Dugan
Benj. Methes
Andrew Bunten
Samuel Webster
John Bunten
Starlin Sargent
William Knox
Samuel Webster
Charls M'Coy
Ichabod Clark
Joseph Dennett
Ichabod Johnson
his
Samuel X Davis
mark
his
Samuel X Fisk
mark

Total 21.

Refused to sine, *Hall Burgen.* 1.

SIGNERS IN ALSTEAD.

Abra^{m} Brown
Absalom Kingsbery
Henry Rumrill
John Slade
Joseph Hatch
Edward Waldo
John Burroughs jun^{r}
Simon Baxter, jun^{r}
Samuel Kidder
Simeon Shepherd
Nathaniel Rust
Joel Chandler
Phinehas Hatch
Joshua Shepard
Jacob Wardner
Nathaniel Shepherd
Nathaniel Cooper
Gideon Delono
Silas King
Jason Wait
Aaron Lyon
Thomas Kidder
Abel Beckwith
John Wait
Abraham Brown jun^{r}
Simon Brooks
William Simons
Roswell Shepherd
Frederick Wardner
Jonathan Shepherd
Daniel Waldo
Josiah Cook
Beulah Waldo
Amaziah Grover
Ephraim Brigham
Simon Rumrill
Amos Gale
Oliver Shepard
Aristides Huestis
John Axtell
John Plumbley
John Slade juner
John Burroughs
Joseph Mack
Timothy Burroughs
Lemuel Crane
Joel Burroughs
John Hill
Job Thomson
Nath^{ll} Watts
Moses Hale
Nathan Mack
Thomas Walton
Daniel Burroughs
Zebulon Chandler
Philip Wardner
Samuel Royce
Jonth Sheperd jun^{r}
Elias Brown
Joseph Brown
Joseph Lyon
Giles Marvin
Solomon Prentice
Nath^{l} S. Prentice
Andrew Beckwith
Nathan Fay.

Total 66.

To y^{e} Honurable the General Assembly of the Colony of New hampshier—This may Certify your Honours that *Simon Baxter*, *Samuel Chandler*, *John Thomson* & *Samuel Miller* Have Refused to sign the within Association Agreement.

Certify'd by us
ABRA'M BROWN
ABSALOM KINGSBERY
SIMON BROOKS
Selectmen of Alstead.

SIGNERS IN UNITY, ACWORTH & LEMSTER.

The names of the Inhabitants of the town of ACWORTH.

Ephraim Keyes
Henry Silsby
Samuel Smith
Tho^{s} Putnam
John Rogers
Sam^{l} Silsby
William Keyes
William Markham
Sam^{l} Harper
John Willson
George Duncan
William Clark
Lasell Silsby
Dean Carlton
John Willson
James McCluer
Jas. Wallace
Jonathan Silsby
Alex^{r} Houston
Tobias Silsby
Willoughby Willard
Joseph Chatterton
John Moor
James Rogers
Jedediah Smith
Edward Keys
Mehuman Stebbins
Tho^{s} Nott
Christ^{r} Eayrs
Perish × Ritchardson
John Duncan
Henry Silsby, jun^{r}

Acworth—32.

Henry Silsby } Selectmen of
Tho^{s} Putnam } Acworth.

The Names of the Inhabitance of the Town of LEMSTER.

Oliver Booth
William Cary
Joseph Wood
David Willey
Phinehas Abell
Reuben Bingham
Elijah Bingham
Samuel Nichols
Urijah Brainerd
Asaph Brainerd
Timothy Nichols
Shubael Brainerd
Allen Willey
Jabez Beckwith
Elijah Frink
Thomas Schophel
Benjamin Abell
Frederick Abell
Thomas Schophel jun
Samuel Roundye
Silas Bingham
Trugrace Booth
John Perkins
William Story
Uzel Hurd

Lempster 24.

William Cary } Selectmen of
Elijah Bingham } Lemster.

The Names of the Inhabitants of the Town of UNITY.

Nathaniel Hunton
Amos Chase
Moses Stinston?
Charles Huntoon
Daniel Moody
Philip Huntoon
Josiah Moody
Simeon Gliden
Jacob Smith
Rich^{d} Brown
Caleb Huntoon
David Weed
Samuel Hunton
Elijah Weed
Nathaniel Lad
Abner Currier
Samuel Weed
Joseph Gliden
Abner Chase
Abraham Sandborn
Moses Gary?
David Weed jun^{r}
Andrew Glidden
John Lad
John Huntoon
Richard Moody

Unity, 26.

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The Names of those persons who refused to sign the written Declaration.

Jonathan Glidden
Sam^{l} Judkins
Rich^{d} Glidden
James Ladd. 4 refused.

DAVID WEED } Selectmen of the
NATHANIEL HUNTON } Town of Unity.

Indorsed—"For Major Timothy Ellis at Keen, on the Publick service."

SIGNERS IN ATKINSON.

Ezekiel Belknap
Stephen Page
Asa Page
John Johnson
Eben^{r} Eatton
Benj^{a} Emery jun^{r}
Benjamin Emery
Joseph French
James Noyes
Enoch Noyes
Jona. Poor
Joseph Knight
Jer^{h} Poor
Nath^{l} Peabody
Jon^{a} Webster
Humphrey Noyes, jun^{r}
Jesse Page
Joseph Knight, jun^{r}
William Sawyer
Daniel Poor jun
Nathaniel Noyes
Moses Greenough
Jonathan Blake
Stephen Peabody
Daniel Poor
Thomas Noyes
Stephen Dole
John Knight jun
John Webster jr
Stephen Noyes
Jonathan Sawyer
James Little
Asa Haseltine
Joseph Little
Thomas Little
Dudley Bayley
Joseph Hale
Ebn^{r} Green
John Currier
William Baley
Samuel Webster
James Bayley
William Webster
Joseph Webster
John Webster
James Page
Moses Page
James Merrell?
Joshua Knight
Benjamin Philbrick jun.
John Knight
Joshua Emery
John Atwood
Daniel Page
Moses Emery
Enoch Knight
James Dow
John Clement
John Dow jun
John Ingalls
Eldad Ingalls
Eben *Bartlet?*
Stephen Dole jun
John Kelley
Reuben Mills
Joseph Chandler
Daniel Richards
Stephen Whitaker
Benjamin Philbrick
Jonathan Page jun^{r}
Bradlee Richards
Thomas Whitaker
Moses Belknap
Benjamin Richards
David Atwood
John Dow
Jonathan Page
Nath^{l} Cogswell
Tristram Knight
Israel Webster
Benj^{a} Stone
Samuel Noyes
John Knight, 3^{d}
Humphrey Noyes
Joseph Noyes
Abel Merrill
Abel Merrill, jun.
John Merrill
Samuel Little
Jesse Sawyer
Amos Mills
Benj^{a} Hale
Jonathan Palmer
Joseph Palmer
Jonathan Whittaker
Oliver Sawyer
Joseph Graves?

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State of New Hampshire.

This certifies that in consequence of y^{e} foregoing requisition of the Hon^{bl} Committee of Safety for said State, all the males of Twenty one years of age and upwards, belonging to Atkinson in y^{e} State aforesaid (Lunaticks, Idiots & Negroes excepted) have freely & voluntarily subscribed their respective names to the foregoing Declaration.

Att^{t}. NATH^{l} PEABODY } Selectmen of
JESSE PAGE } said Atkinson.

Atkinson, Sep^{t}. 25th 1776.

SIGNERS IN BARNSTEAD.

Samuel Pitman
Jonathan Buncker
Thomas Snell
Depandance Colbath
John Elliott
John Furbur
John Nelson
Joseph Bunker
Joseph Samborn
Richard Sinkler
Benj^{a} Nutter
Stephen Pickren
William Lord
Winthrop Smart
John Heukens

Isaac Huckens
Nathaniel Pease
John Bickford
Benjamin Edgerly
John Mugate
John Sanborn
his
Daniel X Jacobs
mark
Daniel Bickford
John Tasker
John Sanborn
his
Timothy X Davis
mark
Hatevil Nutter

Jonathan Emerson
Benjamin Emerson
Sam^{ll} Drew
John Mudget
Joseph Bryant
his
Joseph X Mugate
mark
Benjamin Brown
Edward Sanborn
his
Samuel X Stephens
mark
his
Dodeson X Bunker
mark

Barnstead, 37.

SIGNERS IN BARRINGTON.

John Hill
Joshua Felker
Silas Drew
George Waterhouse
Benjamin Babb
Michal Felker
William Cate, jun^{r}
Charles Danielson
John Laighen
Timothy Perkins
Joseph Daniel jun.
David Tenny
John Cate
John Hall

Joshua *Hasfort?*
Ralph Hall
Natha. Robert
James Tuttle, jun.
William Hays
Jacob Daniel, jun
Stephen Foss
Elisha Blacke
Richard Babb
Micajah Otis
William Lock jun
William Babb
Samuel Foss
William Gray

Thomas Scruten
Elijah Sene?
John Daniel
Joseph Hall
Solomon Hall
John Cater
James Howard
Charles Felker
John Church
Solomon Young
Isaac Hall
Reuben Davis
Edward Cater
Joshua Otis

Jeremiah Foss
James Foss
John Kingman
Hezekiah Hayes
Hinkson Marden
James Marden
Giddon Leighton
Timothy Waterhouse
Daniel Rowell
Hinkson Foss
Isaiah Felker
Winthrop Young
Paul Young
Nathanel Church
John Drew
James Church
Jeremiah Gray
James Danielson
Paul Hayes
Thomas How
William How
Paul Otis
Clement Daniel
Joshua Holms
Nicholas Brock
Stephen Young
Ebenzer Kielle
John Willey
Isaac Willey
Lemuel Willey
William Lock
Nathan Foss, jun
Sam^l Winkley
Simeon Harbr–d?
John Caverly
James Daves
Josier Brown
Samuel Foss, jun.
John Ham
Philip Caverly
Levi Danielson
Ruben Gray
John Gray
Samuel Gray
Joseph Daniel
Jabez Smith
Joseph Woodman
John Brown jun
Joseph Brown
Tho^s Fisher
George Parshley
Nichlos Brown
John Waterhouse
Fra^s Winkley
Isaac Waldron
Jacob Clark
Samuel Stiles
Mark Foss jun
Nathenel Foss
Mark Foss
Georg Seaward
Ephraim Daniel
Jonathan Montgomery
Samuel Hayes
Simon Lock
Limuel Perkins
Samuel Buzzel
John Young
Garlen Smith
James Leighton
Stephen Otes
Joseph Hayes
Nicholas Otes
John Blake
Richard Parcely
Thomas Buzzel
John Berry
Ephram Holmes jun
Solomon Foss
James Gray
Eliph. Cloutmer
William Ham
George Ham
Henery Sevey
Elijah Otis
Joseph Cate
George Berry
George Foss
James Hayes
John Mells?
Jacob Sheperd
Ebenezer Spener
Dudley Davis
Timothy Gluson
William McDaniel jun
Isaac Sherburn
Josiah Manson?
James Durgen
Abraham Allis
John Renels
Stephen Houster
John Boody
Isaac Renels
Robert Bamford
Mark Eayers
Jacob Daniel
Abijah Pintray?
John Arten
Peter Young
Aaron Waldron
John Garlen jun
Nat. Berry
Ephraim Foss
Solomon Cate
Samuel Bruester
Ephraim Holmes
Thomas Foss
Elezer Young
Ben Perl
Joseph Young
John Garland
Benjamin Hayes
Paul Brewster
John Parseley
John Babb
Jethro Lock
William Grays
Noah Holmes
Stephen Berry
Benjamin Yong
Samuel Berry
James Row
Joshua Sloper
John Huckinson
Joseph ? Peavey
James Peavey
John Montgomery
Benjamin Hall jun
Pery Hicks—
James Wodes
Albert Dennie
Samuel Wales
Charles Bimfor?
Peletiah Daniels
Williamme Daues
Thomas Rawlings
David Rolings
John Sherburn
Eben Jackson
Obediah Drew
Eben^r Young
John Foye, jun
Isaac Young
Edmond Evens
Isaac Leighton
Benjamin Buzzel
William Runels
Daniel Delan.

Total, 200.

Barrington, Sep. 3, 1776.

To the Speaker of the house of Representatives for the Colonie of New Hampshire—this may Sertify that the Association Paper has been carried through this Town and these men Refuse to sine whos names follow:

David Drew
Samuel Williams
William Durgen
Johnathan Swain
Johnathan Clark
Elijah Tutel

Jeremiah Tibets
Daniel Clark
John Buzzel
Thomas Caverly
Richard Swain
John Caveno
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WILLIAM CATE JUN
SILAS DREW
JOHN KINGMAN
Selectmen of Barrington

SIGNERS IN BEDFORD.

John Wallace, Jun^r
James Caldwell
Wm. Caldwell
James Matthes
John Morrison
John Aiken
Adam Dickey
Matt^w Patten
John Goffe
Daniel Moor
John Moor jun^r
Daniel Moor Jun^r
Thomas Matthews
Robert Giffen
John Burns
Robert Burns
William Burns
John Brien
William Moor
James Moore
James Houston
Hugh Orr
Barnbass Rain
John McIntosh
Jacob McQuaid
James Westlie
John Little
Thomas Galt
Thomas Boies

Sam^l Vose
William White
Joseph Wallace
John McKinney
Asa Barns
Samuel Tirrell jun
William Kennedy
Robert Morrel
Andrew Walker
Nathaniel Patterson
Robert Mathes
James Vose
George Conray
Hugh Campbel
James McAllister
John McLaughlin
John Gardner
Amaziah Pollard
James Steel
James Aiken
Whitefield Gillmor
James Smith
John Orr
Lt. John Moor
Joseph Houston
David Moor
James Gillmor
William Moor
David McClerey

James Patterson
Matthew McDuffie
Thos MacLaughlin
Benj^m Smith
Zechariah Chandler
John Moor
James Wallace
James Mortin
John Goffe, jun^r
John Riddle
Samuel Patten
John Boies
James Lien
John Bell
John Wallace
Robert Walker
James Walker
Patrick Larken
John Hillery
William McCleary
Joseph Bell
Sam^l Fugard
Thomas Vickers Vose
Samuel Patten
James Cairns
Richard McAllster
John Smith
James Little
Stephen Franch

Total, 87.

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire To be conven'd at Exeter in s^{d} Colony, on Wednesday the 5th Instant:

Pursuant to the within precept, we have taken pains to know the minds of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, with Respect to the within obligation, and find none unwilling to sign the same Except the Rev^{d} *John Houston*, who declines signing the said obligation, for the following Reasons, viz.

Firstly, Because he did not apprehend that the Hon^{bl} Committee meant that ministers should take up arms as Being inconsistent with their ministerial Charge.

2^{ndly} Because he was already Confined to the County of Hillsborough; therefore he thinks he ought to be set at liberty before he should sign the s^{d} obligation.

3^{rdly} Because there is *there is* three men Belonging to his Family already Inlisted in the Continental Army. —1

John Goffe } Select
John Orr } men.

Bedford, June y^{e} 4th 1776.

SIGNERS IN BOSCAWEN.

Joseph Hoit
Moses Call
Moses Morse
Jesse Flanders
Moses Burbank
John Flanders
Daniel Noyes
Daniel Clark
Benj^{a} Day
Nathan Corser
Joseph Atkinson
Robie Morrill
Moses Burbank jun^{r}
Thomas Gorden
Sam^{l} Atkinson
Jerem^{h}? Hidden
Caleb Merril
Daniel Peterson
Benjamin Couch
Jacob Flanders
John Knowlton
Eben Hidden
Henry Gerrish
Daniel Sheprd
Isaac Pearson
Winthrop Carter
Sam^{l} Davis
Benj^{a} Rolfe
Ezekiel Flenders
John Elliot jun^{r}
Thomas Elliot
John Muzay
John Jackman
Jame Garies
Enos Flanders
Jedediah Danford,
Jesse Flanders, jun
William Danford jun
Samuel Coser
Jonathan Coser
Stephen Gerrish
Samuel Burbank
Moses Jackman
Enoch Gerrish
John Morrill
Silas Call
Joseph Gerrish
Mik^{l} Sargent
Thomas Redel
Simeon Jackman
Willim *Welch ?*
Moses Call
David Burbank
Simeon Atkinson
Timothy Eastman
Joseph Pearson
Joseph Flanders
Jerome Little?
John Couch
Edmund Chadwick
Moses Morss, jun^{r}
Moses Manuel
Samuel Jackman
Daniel Richards
David Corser
Asa Corser
John Corser
Edward Gares
John Manuel

Bitfield Plumer
David Carter
Nathaniel Gookin
John Stevens
Samuel Ames
Thomas Corser
Jonathan Atkinson
Samuel Clifford
Peter Kimball
John Hale
Robert Elliot
James French
Sam^{l} Danford
Benjamin Jackman
Joseph Muzzy
Samuel Muzzy
Isaac Noyes
Peter Resewell Stevens
William Danford
Nicholas Elliot
Capt. Stephen Gerish
Nathaniel Atkinson
Enoch Little
Nathan Davis
Joseph Bean
John Fowler
John Ilsley
Peter Coffin
Oliver Fowler
John Bowly
John Bowly jun^{r}
John Corser, jun^{r}
George Jackman
Samuel Agaton
John Urann
George Jackman, jun^{r}
Cutting Noyes
John Elliot
Joseph Eastman.

Total, 108.

To the Honourable Council and House of Representatives for the Collony of New Hampshire, or Committee of Safety:

This may certify that the within Declaration Have Been offred to the Inhabitants of Boscawen and unanimously signed Excepting one, (viz.) *Aaron Flanders* Refused to signe the same.

GEORGE JACKMAN
CUTTING NOYES } Selectmen.
JOHN ELLIOT

June 3, 1776.

SIGNERS IN BOW.

Ephraim Foster
John Bryent
Beniamin Bean
James Busel
John Carr
Stephen Eastman
David Carr
John Grushe
Jonthan Clement
Solomon Heath
Edw^{d} Russell
David Foster
David Elliot
John Colby
Abraham Colby
Willeby Colby
Elijah Colbey
Joseph Rogers, jun^{r}
Jonathan Clough
Samuel Wingle
Amasa Dow
Joseph Rogers
Ralph Cross
Antony Mannaell
Tim^{y} Dix
Samuel Dow
Elisha Clough
Elisha Clough jun
Thomas Hardy
Edward Carlton
Samuel Rogers jun^{r}
Aaron Kinsman
Reuben Currier
Richard Clough
John Robertson
James Moor
Leonard Harriman
John Sulliway
Enoch Noyes
Ephraim Moor
Benj^{a} Noyes
Simeon Heath
Nathanael Callies
John Brown
Paltiah Clement
Richard Clough jun^{r}
Henry $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ hamphill
Joseph Baker
Samuel Welch
Will^{m} Robertson
Aaron Noyes
John Noyes
James Reddell
John Garven
James Garven
Patrick Garven
Leion? hemphill
John Moor
Samuel Alexander
Samuel Welch jun^{r}
Jacob Stockbridge

Total, 63.

Errors excepted—Samuel Rogers
I not being satisfied, Errors excepted
William Rogers

Bow September y^{e} 3^{d}, 1776.

We the Subscribers in obediance to the within have shown this Paper to all & every Person that are not excepted & that are not in the servis, that Belong to said Town of Bow, al of which have voluntarily signed the same.

Ephraim Foster
Jn^{o} Bryent
Benjamin Noyes
Selectmen of Bow

SIGNERS IN BRENTWOOD.

Sam^{l} Dudley
Hawley Marshall
Jedediah Robinson
Samuel Dudley
Daniel Leavitt
Jonathan Robinson
Stephen Ltt. Creighton
Samuel Colcord
Josiah Dudley
Dudley Robinson
David Robinson
Daniel Ward
Jonathan Quinby
John Bennet
John Wilson
Nicholas Mudget
John Thing
Gilman Robinson
Winthrop Dudley
Samel Wormall
John Dudley jun^{r}
Alexander Gorden
Samuel Clark [Smith
John Philbrick
John Bonnet, jun
Humphry Wilson
Darby Kelly
Job Judkins
Porter Kimball
Joseph Shaw
Moses Folsom
Jonathan Shaw
Abraham Morrill
Abel Morrill
Jon^{a} Veasey

Beniamin Fifield
James Marston
John Abbot
Joseph Edgerly
Nat—? Prescott
Peter Thing
Nath^{l} Thing
Richard Tandy
Simon Gilman
Bartholomew Thing
Robert Rowe
Jonathan Thing
Samuel Shaw
Nath^{l} Trask
Jonathan Moody jun^{r}
Daniel Wormall
Richard Foss?
Jonathan Weed
Samuel Edgerly
George Vesaay
Nicholas Smith
Richard York
Lemul Johnson
John Philbrick
Tho^{s} Peabody
John Dudley
Daniel Leavitt
Jeremiah Ellsworth
Eliphalet Thing
Samuel Thing
Dudley Thing
Samuel Ellsworth
Aaron Ellsworth
Josiah Thing
Levi Morrill

Ebenezer Colcord
Daniel Clark
Edward West
Joseph Wadleigh jun^{r}
Edward Stevens
Nathaniel Stevens
Nemiah West
Nathaniel Gilman
Ebenezer Stevens
Joseph Wadleigh
James Dudley
Chase Smith
Edmund Pilsbery
James Nichols
Abner Burbank
Biley Lyford
David Burbank
Nathaniel Chase
Thomas Gorden
Zadok Samborn
William Morrill
John Quimby
Jonathan Sleeper jun
Joseph Jewell
Elisha Sanborn jun
Francis Brown
Isaac Whitcher
Elisha Sanborn
William Graves
William Graves jun
John Scribner Harper
Jonathan Taler
Jonathan Talyor jun
Aretas Rowe
Nathaniel Clark

John Tucke
James Sinkler
John Shaw
Daniel Dearbon
Abraham Drake
Moses Cheney
Samuel Dudley
Joseph Smith
Richard Whitcher
Samuel Tucke
Jonathan Dow
Winthrop Marston
Samuel Marston,
Benjamin Pulsifer
Amos? Gordon
Thomas Leavitt
Jabez Smith
Dudley Kimball
Samuel Harper
John Carr jun^r^
Simeon Morgain
John Carr
Moses Lyford
Timothy Gorden
John Thing
Samuel Lock
James Robinson
Alexander Roberds
Sander Roberds, Jun^r^
Nichelos Dollof?
Thomas Roberds
Josiah Hook
Daniel Torrey
Robert Smith
Reuben Smith
Joshua Smith
Nichlous Hardie
Ebenezer Colcord Jun^r^
Rauson Dudley
Scribner Gorden
Ebenezer Chase
Benjamin Robords
Joseph Johnson
David Dollof
John Dollof
Samuel Robards
Daniel Sanbon jun
Daniel Sanbon
Edward Sanborn
John Woodbury
Nathaniel Graves
Stephen Fifield
Moses Finly?
Joseph Sanborn
Jonathan Gorden

Total, 160.

Pursuant to this Write to us We have desired all Males as Directed to Sign to this Declaration, and find that

James Been
Jeremiah Been
Richard Been jun
Samuel Dudley jun
Samuel Stevens
David Clifford
Thomas Smith
Levi Been
Richard Been
Samuel Clifford
Antipasse Gilman
William Been
Joseph Greeley
William Stevens
Moses Magoon
Jonathan Sleeper
Joshua Been (1)
Jeremiah Rowe —18

Refuses to sign to this Declaration.

EBENEZER COLCORD
JAMES ROBINSON
JEDEDIAH ROBINSON
Select men of Brentwood.

SIGNERS IN CANTERBURY.

Thomas Clough
Ezekiel Morrill
Archelaus Moore
John Moor
Abiel Foster
Sargent Morrill
Jonathan Young
James Carl?
Obadiah Clough
Joseph Durgin
William Glines jun^r^
Samiel Ames
Benjamin Heath
David Morrill
Joshua Boienton

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(1) Those in the above list of the name of *Been*, were Quakers; and, probably, others.—ED.

Samul Colby
Tho^s Gilman
Jeremiah Hacket
Ephraim Carter
Abner Hoyt
Richerd Ellison
Jeremiah Clough
Benj^a Blanchard 3^d
Jonathan Blanchard
Samuel Nudd
Joshua Weeks
Jonathan Webster
William Moor
Nathaniel Glines
Benj^a Simson
Thomas Hoyt
David Ames
John Moors, jun^r
Barnard Stiles
Samuel Haines
John Sanborn × his mark
Nathanael Moore
Richard Hanes
James Shepard
Arch^s Miles
James Gipson
James Glines
William Gault
David McCrillis
Benj^a Johnson
Daniel Foster
John Lyford
Elonanath Harr
Benjamin Woodman
Jonathan Jonston
Aaron Sargent × his mark
Benj^a Sanborn
John Bean
Caleb Heath
Gideon Bartlett
Joseph Hallet
Nathaniel Hallet
Samuel Weeks
Simon Symeon?
Jams Moloney
John McDaniel
Jeremiah McDaniel
Laben Morrill
Asa Forster
Simon Ames
John Moloney
Robert Hastings
John Robinson
Simeon Robinson
Joseph Call?
ionathan Guile
Jesse Cross
John Cross
Stephen Cross
William Hancock
Reuben Kezar
Jacob Hath
John Roen
Abner Miles
Nathaniel Perkins
David Blancher
Samiel Emery
James Blanchard
Richard Haines?
William Dyer
Shubel Dearbon
Nathaniel Dearbon
David Morrison
Nehemiah Clough
Beniamin Blanchard
Richard Blanchard
David Norris
Edward Blanchard
John Gibson
James Lin^d Perkens
Thomas Gibson
Peter Hanaford
Benjamin Collins
John Forrest
John Forrest, jun
William Forrest
Nathaniel Witcher
Ruben Witcher
William Samborn
Gideon Sawyer
Eben^r Kimball
Jioth? Simons
Simon Stevens
William Simons
Benjamin Witcher
Jeremiah Ladd
Joseph Samborn
Daniel Fletcher
Henry Clough
Walter Haines
William Miles
Eli Simons
Tho^s Foss
Leavitt Clough
Josiah Miles
Benjamin Blanchard, jun
David Forster
Timothy Foss
John Foss
Samuel Gerrish
Abner Haines
Edmon Calley?
Thomas Clough jun^r

Total, 128.

SIGNERS IN CLAREMONT.

Claremont, May 30th 1776.

In compliance to the above Declaration we have shone the Declaration to All the Inhabitants of this Town, and the Associate are those who have signed to this paper.

MATTHIAS STONE } Select
ASA JONES } men

The following Names of those who are twenty one years of age and upward.

Thomas Goodwin
Joseph York
Matthias Stone
Jacob Rice
William Osgood
Asa Jones
John Spencer
Lemuel Hubbard
Christopher York
David Bates
T Sterne
Barnabas Ellis
Joel Roys?
Joseph Hubbard
Amasa Fuller
Jer^{m} Spencer
Partrick Fields
Gideon Lewis
Seth Lewis
Josiah Stevens
John Kilborn
John Peake
John West
Samuel Tuttle
Stephen Hige?
Charles Higbe
Edward Goodwin
Ephraim French
Joseph Ives
Elihu Stevens jun^{r}
Ichabod Hitchcock
Ebenezer Dudley
Danil Curte?
Josiah Rich
Oliver Ellsworth
jonathan Parker
David Rich
Ebenezer Washburn
Bill Barnes
John Adkins
Amaziah Knights
John Goss
Ezra Jones
William Sims
David Adkins
Timothy Adkins
Edward Ainsworth
Nathaniel Goss
Joel Matthews
Oliver Tuttle
Amos Conant
Sam^{l} Ashley
John Sprague
Adam Alden
James Alden
David Lynd
Oliver Ashley
Eleazer Clark
Eleazer Clark, jun^{r}
Moses Spaford
Benjamin Towner
Samuel Lews
Abner Matthews
Elihu Stephens
Jonas Stuard
Beriah Murry
Thomas Duston
Timothy Duston

Total, 84.

N. B. These are the Names of those who have actually taken up arms and are now in the Continental army.

Lieut Co^{l} Joseph Wait
Leut. Joseph Taylor
Ens. Thomas Jones
S. Abner Matthews jun
James Gooden,
Jonathan Fuller
Peter Fuller
Ruben Spencer
Garsham York
Benj^{a} Towner jun^{r}
David Laynes jun^{r}
Charles Laynes
Henery Stephens
Jonathan York
Joseph York jun^{r}

The Rev^{d}
Augustin Hibbard,
Chaplain &c. 16.

The Names of those who Refuse to sign the Declaration.

John Thomas
Capt. Benjamin Brooks
Barnabas Brooks
Capt. Benjimine Sumner
Rev. Ranna Cosset
Cornelus Brook
Sam^{l} Cole Esq
Daniel Warner
Levi Warner
William Coy
Enuch Judd
Ebenezer Judd, jun^{r}
Lt. Benjamin Tayler
Timothy Granis
Hezekiah Roys
Asa Leat
Benjamin Leat
Ebenezer Judd

James Steal
Amos Snow
John Hichcock
David Dodge
Samuel Thomas
Amos Cole
Ebenezer Edson
Benjamin Peterson
Benjamin Brooks jun$_{r}$
Daniel Warner, jun
Doct. William Sumner
Ebenezer Roys
Joseph Norton.

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Claremont, May 30th 1776.

The Declaration having ben shone to the within named persons thay Refuse to Sign.

Attest MATTHIAS STONE } Select
ASA JONES } men.

SIGNERS IN CHESTER.

John Craford
William Lock
Samuel Blunt
William Tolford
Daniel Greenough
Robert McKinley
Matthew Forsith Jun^{r}
Edward Robie
Edward Robie
Archibald McRafee
Ebenezer Townsend
Nathanel Glidden
Wilks West
Caleb Hall
Wells Chase
Moody Chase
Stephen Merrill
Alex^{r} Weatherspoon
Robert Craige
James Aiken
John Webster
Sam^{l} Emerson
Stephen Morse
Daniel Webster
Stephen Dearbon
Adam Willson
Rob^{t} Calfe
Gasiel Harriman
Nathan Morse
Henry Morse
Joseph Linn
Moses Hills
Jonathan Hall
Stephen Lufkin
James Rankins
Ath^{l} Såm^{l} Stickney
Edmund Stickney
David Wetherspoon
Peter Aiken
John Grimes
Mathew ——?
John Underhill
William Underhill
Joseph Dearbon
James Pearce
James Crage
William White
Nathan Fitts
James Dunlap
Nathan Webster, jun^{r}
John Hasseltine
Peter Dearben
Peter Hasseltine
Nathanal Blaisdall
Ebenezer Basford
benjamin true
Sam^{l} Hasseltine
Simon Bayley
Moses Underhill, jun^{r}
John Underhill jun^{r}
Stephen Hills
Richard Hasseltine
Moses Hasseltene
Jonathan Darbon
David Foss
Isaac Blasdell
Josiah Hall
Pearson Richardson
Samuel Kinsman
Sam^{l} Wilson
Bracket Towl
Anthony Jones
Benjamin *Meluc?*
Parker Carr
Easmiel Morss
David Currier
Robert Rowe
John Darbon
Jotham Colby
William McMasten
Benj^{n} Hills
Samuel Hills
Ezekiel Worthen
John Shackford, jun^{r}
Aaron Townsend
Theod^{r} Shackford
Daniel Richardson
Moses Richardson
Isaac Forse
Isaac Forse jun
Jonathan Forsaith
Thomas Wason
Rob^{t} Wilson
Will^{m} Wilson
James Wason
Charles Moore
Samuel Moore
David Fuller
Benjamin Hoyt

John Hoyt
Joseph McClellan
Stephen Marden
John Pain
Joseph Knowles
Amos Pain
Nathan Norton
Samuel Brown
John Knowles
John Knowles, jun^r
Nathan Knowles
Joshua Prescot
Joseph Long
James Willson
Nathan Webster
James Waddell
Amos Merrill
Josiah Bradley
francies towl
Jacob Hills
Thomas Hasseltine
Benjamin Hasseltine
Jabez Hoit
Benjm^n fullem
Samuel Jones
John Tolford
Hugh Tolford
John Robie
Gideon Rowel
John Coulby
Samuel Rowel
Samuel *forsten ?*
John Willson
Henry hall
Peter hall
Sam^l *Jacks ?*
Simon Barry
Thomas Follnbe
James Shirla
William Shirla
Hugh Shirley
Sam^l Robie
James Richardson
Ebenezer Dearbon
John Gross
William Brown
William *Greenoh ?*
Abraham Sargent
Wintrip Sargent
John Karr
William Mills
Robert Grahames
John Grimes
John Mills
Nath^l Sweetser
Samuel Mc'ferson
Robert Dickey
Parker Morss
Josiah Morss
Edmund Sleeper
Joseph Morss
Joseph Blanchard
Abner Hills
Jabez french
Isaac Hills
James Randall
John Lain
Daniel Dolbeer
John Butterfield
John Lane, jun^r
Jonathan Norton
Joseph Norton
Jonthan Berry
Joseph Smith
John Sevey
Ealel ? Berry
Benj^n Hills
David Richardson
Bradbury Carr
Joseph Carr
Charles Moore, jun^r
Benj^n Currier
Mark Carr
Thomas Fowler, jun
James Wetherspoon
Daniel Wetherspoon
Mansfield McAffe
hugh McAffer
Samuel Akin
Robert Patten
Samuel Crombey
Willim Miler
Hugh Miller
Thomas McMaster
William Gilcrist
David Dickey
Robert Dinsmore
Benjamin Perce
Samuel Peirce
Barnard Brickett
Joseph Hills
David Underhill
Jonathan Emery
Hezekiah Underhill
Jonathan Underhill
Isaac *Towl ?*
John Orr
John Burley
Joseph Hall
Joseph Clark
Edward Pressen
Cornelius Morgan
Samuel Worthen
Edmund Eliot
Paul healy
Moses Underhill
Jacob Derbey
James Hidden
Samuel Davis
John Quimby
Robert Gordon
William Brown
Francis Carr
Timothy Carr

Chester, 221.

CHESTERFIELD.

To the Honourable Comittee of Safety or General Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire—

As soon as ever we received your Directions requesting us to desire all the Males in this Town to sign to a Declaration

(Lunaticks &c excepted) in obedience thereto we Immediately proceeded to give publick Notice of your Intentions and otherwise as we Thought would have the most effectual Tendency to have put into Execution, in order that we might make a Return by our Representative, but having so short a Time for to accomplish the Matter in so great a Town, and being unwilling to omit anything relating to our Duty and which might be for the Benefit of the Whole, we calmly deliberated on the Matter asked y^{e} advice of our Representative and others of Sense and Steadiness, and as we were not limitted to a certain Time to make a Return, we purpose to make one as soon as it may be done with conveniency.

So rest your Humble Serv^{ts}

EPH^{m} BALDWIN
MICHAEL CRESEY
SAM^{l} HILDRETH
Select men of Chesterfield.

SIGNERS IN CHESTERFIELD.

Abraham Wood
Simon Davis
Isaac Davis
John Snow
Oliver Cobleigh
Jonathan Farwell
Oliver Farwell
Sila Thompson
William Farwell
Jonathan Davis
Warrin Snow
Ebenezer Streeter
William Thomas
Daniel Baldwin
William Simonds
Amos Smith
Josh Smith
Jonathan farr 4th
Jonathan ferr 3
Thomas Farr
Benjamin Hudson
Moses Smith
Josiah Streeter
Michael Woodcock
Jonathan Cobleigh
Jonas Stearns
Sam^{l} Fairbanks
Jon^{a} Farr 2d.
Josiah Lamb
Sam^{ll} Walker.
Archibell Roberson
Andrew Coburn
Larrance Walton
Phineas Brown
John Sanderson
William Fisher
Jonathan Hildreth. Jun.
James Wheeler. Jun.
Josiah Hastings
Andrew Hastings
Noah Emmons
Jonathan Cresey
Ephraim Wheeler
John Cobleigh
Joseph Higgins
James M^{c}Elroy
Joseph Wheeler
James Wheeler
Zenas Fairbank
Nathan Bishop
Isaac Hildreth
Israel Johnson
James Robertson
Elisha Lockwood
Dan. Cobleigh
Aaron Farr
Peter Wheeler
Moses Ellis
Eph^{m} Hubbard
Amos Davis
John White
Nathan Metcalf
John Bishop
Jonathan Cobleigh
Nathan Thomas
Zur^{d} Evans
Abel Emons
William Farr Jr
William Robertson
Ithamar Chamberlan
Edward Hildreth
Caleb Johnson
James Davis
Amos Streeter
Enoch Streeter
Abner Johnson
John Prat
Kimball Carlton
Nath^{l} Bingham
Theodore Bingham
Abel Ray
John Pierce
Samuel Farr
Beniamin Coburn
Nehemiah Merrill
Ephram Farr
Iasaac Farr

Sam^{ll} Farr, Jun.
John Haskell
Ezekiel Powers
Silas Wood
Obadiah Morrill
William Henry
Daniel Farr
Amasa Coburn
Thomas Harris
Douglas Robins
Uallainell Merrill
Sherebiah Fay
Thomas Daby
Joseph Metcalf
Marting Warner
David Stoodder Jr?
Sam^{el} Peacock
John Peacock
Ephraim Baldwin
Michael Cresey
Samuel Hildreth
Moses Smith, Jr.
Wilm Aires
David Stone
John Grandy
John Grandy Jun
Ebeneser Gail
Silvanus Battey
Ebenezar Faver
Increas Lamb
Abner Albee
Abijah Starns
Mathew Gray
Ebenezer Taft
William Hildreth
John Richardson
Daniel Kinison
James Reed
John Ellis
Joel Whitney
David farr
James Mansfield
Oliver Hubbard
Michaell Medcalf
Charles Johnson
Amos Hubbard
Jon^{a} Farr 1st
Benjamin Smith
Samuel Fletcher
Patrick M^{c}Michael
Abraham Fearr
Abijah Kingsbery

In Obedience to the within Declaration that we Rec^{d} from your Honours we proceeded According to your Directions and the persons Names underwriten are those that Refuse to sign to the Declaration on your paper.

Capt Jonathan Hildreth,
Leu^{t} Ephraim Whitney,
Eleazer Pomeroy,
Ebenezer Hervey,
Ebenezer Coopper,
Joseph Prentice.
Ephraim Whitney,
Ebenezer Fletcher Jun.
Sam^{el} Davis Converse
Elisha Walton
Eseek Earl
Silas Bennet
Sab: Keing.

Chesterfield June 12, 1776.

Eph Baldwin
Moses Smith Jr.
Michael Cresey
Ephr^{m} Hubbard
Samuel Hildreth
Select men of Chesterfield

SIGNERS IN CONCORD.

Reuben Kimball
John Kimball
Thos Stickney
Peter Greene
Tim^{o} Walker Jun^{r}
Benj^{a} Emery
John Bradley
Nathan Chandler
Aaron Stevens
James Walker
Robert Davis
Benjamin Hanaford
Daniel Gale
David Hall
Simeon Danforth

Nath^{ll} Abbott
Nath^{l} Rolfe
Stephen Greenleaf
Samuel Thompson
John Gage
Moses Eastman. iun.
Jacob Carter
John Fowle
his
Levi X Ross
mark
Jeremiah —— ?
Peter Green Jr
Amos Abbot
Timothy Bradley
Ephram Farnum
Cornelius Johnson
Philip Eastman
Daniel Abbot
Richard Flanders
Joseph Farnum
Rich^{d} Hazeltine
Joseph Hall. Jun^{r}
Beiniem Fifield
Reuben Abbott
Lot Colby
Jonathan Eastman
Danierl Chase
David George
Jn^{o} Stevens
John Virgin
Phineas Sevns
Jabez Abbot
Benjamin Abott
Ebene^{r} Hall
Henry Martin
Timothy Simonds
William Fifield
Reuben Abbot Jr.
Samuel Butters
[Rev.] Tim^{o} Walker
Oliver Hoit
Henry Beck
Benja Rolfe
Theodore Farnum
John Steen
Eben Farnum
Moses Eastman
Ephraim Farnum

Chandler Lovejoy
Samuel Hinkson
Caleb Buswell
Richard Eastman
Solomon Gage
Ezekiel Dimond jun
Amos Abbot Jun.
William Coffin
Joseph Abbot
Jonathan Merrill
James Mitchell
Ezra Cater
Asa Kimbel
Jonthan Emerson
Timothy Bradley Jun.
Joseph Eastman
Phineas Virgin
William Currier
Ebenezer Simond
Dan Stickney
Josiah Farnum Jun.
Elisha Moody
Ben. Farnum
Jacob Green
Benj. Eastman
Ebene Virgin
Ephraim Potter
Edward Abbott
Ephraim Farnum jun.
Jonathan Stickney
William Virgin
Obadiah Hall
George Abbot
Josiah Farnum
Joseph Farnum Jr.
Stephen Kimball
Daniel Hall
Abner Flanders
Nathan Abbot
Jesse Abbot
Isaac Abbot
Ephraim Abbot
Stephen Abbot
George Abbot Jun.
Stephen Farnum
Daniel Farnum
Daniel Chene?
Philip Carigain

Daniel Carter
Joseph Colough
Richard Harbert
Gordon Hutchins
James Hazeltine
William Hazeltine
John Chase
Simon Trumbel
John Shute
Jacob Shute
Joseph Hall
his
John X Trumble
mark
Joseph Colby
Ephraim Fisk
Nathel Green
Thomas Wilson
Isaac Walker
Ezra Badger
Richard Flanders
Timothy Farnham
Ezekiel Dimond
Joseph Hazeltine
Phinehas Kimball
Robert Ambros
Benjamin Sweat
Abiel Blanchard
Benjamin Elliot
James Stevens
Joseph Eastman. Jun.
Richard Potter
Timothy Simonds
Philip Kimball
Timothy Kimball
John Farnum
Ezekiel Cater
Richard Flood
Henry Lovejoy
Lemuel Tucker
Jacob Goodwin
George Graham
Jeremiah Wheeler
Zephaniah Patee
Zebediah Farnum
Samuel Goodwin
Abner Farnum
Thomas Eaton

SIGNERS IN CONWAY & LOCATIONS.

John Osgood
Enoch Webster
John Dollof Jun.
William Merrill
Leonerd Harriman
Jam^{s} Huntriss
Enoch Merrill
Jeremiah Farrington
John Dollof
And^{w} M^{c}millan
Jacob Walden
Hugh Sterling
Richard Eastman
Ezekiel Walker
Ja^{s} Harrold
William Knox
Abiather Eastman
Thos. Merrill, Jun.
Amos Merrill
Joseph Odell.
Benjamin Farnum
Ebenezer Burbanke
Thomas Russell
Timothy Walker
Benoni Cory
Thomas King
Jeremiah Page
Ebeneser Farnum
Robert Harrold
John Willson
Jedediah Spring
Abiel Lovejoy
David Page
Benjamin Osgood
Barnes Hazeltine
Tho^{s} Merrill
Joshua Heaths
William White
Thomas Chadbourne
Joseph Thomson
Abraham Colby
Joseph Colby
John Pendexter
Humphery Emery
Humphery Emery
Nathaniel Hariman
Enoch Emery
Antony Emery
Vere Royse
Benjamin Copp
Stephen Coffin
Richard Jackman
Josiah Dollof
Christopher Huntress
Nat^{ll} Smith

55.

To the General Assembly or Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire

We have Agreeable to the within Request Desired Every man that is twenty one years of age within this town and the location adjoining to set their names to the within Itroment excluding such as were ordered to be Excluded in the Request, and every man has accordingly Signed

David Page } Selectmen
Joshua Heath }

Conway June 9, 1776.

SIGNERS IN DEERFIELD.

Timothy Upham
Eliphalet Smith
Stephen Batchelder
Simon Marston
John McCrilles
John Dam
Tho^{s} Rand
Abraham True
Benjamin Sanborn
James Page
Isaac Sheperd
Adonijah Fellows
Sam^{l} Cate
Thomas Moulton
Richard Jenness
Jacob Longfellow
Jeremiah Eastman
John Avery
George Wallis
Aaron Rowlings
David Kindrick
Robert Hellese
Dalton Simpson
Stephen Chase
Moses Chase
John Simpson
Josiah Chase
Daniel Currier
Benjamin Stevens
Benjamin French
Wadleigh Cram^{r}
Samuel Gilman
Henry Tucker
Eliphelet Grifeen jun
Daniel Page
———? Thompson

John Godfree
James Mason
Andrew Freese
Thomas Leavitt
Enoch Robie
Samuel Perkins
Joseph Kinnison
James Griffen
John Bachelder, jun.
Edward Dearbon
Stephen Bachelder, jun.
Increase Batcheler
Nathaniel Green
John Luey?
Benjamin Batchelder
Lev. Dame
his
Robart O Mason
mark
Thomas Robie
Jonathan Blue
Theoph. Griffen
Joseph March
Eliphelet Griffen
Joshua Veazey
George Seavy
James Langly
Demonikes Griffen
Robart Morrill
Frances Bachelder
Abiel Bartlet
Samuel Hardy
Nathaniel Osgood
Gideon Ham
Nathan Grifeen
Samuel Hobbs
Andrew Nealey
John Cram
John Grifeen
Joseph Graves
Enoch French
Peter Sanborn
Ebenezer Tilton
William Smith.
Nathan Batchelor
John Matlon
James Brown
David Jewett
Zebulun King
Joseph Hilton
Samuel levitt
Reuben Brown
Ezra True
Samuel Goodhue
Edward Blue
David Teilton
John Batchelder [jun.
Stephen Batchelder,
Josiah Tilton
David Haines
William Haines
Dudley Ladd
Benj^a Kendrick.
Josiah Sawyer
Nathan Sanborn
Benjamin Page
Robert Page
Samuel Hoit
Joseph Hoit
John Thurston
Benjamin Folsom
Tristram Sanborn
Joseph Cram
Joel Cram
Jesse prescut
Josiah Smith
David Robinson
Levi Harvey
Joseph Young
James Young
Jonathan Robinson
John Robinson
John Merril
Joseph Jones
Sanborn Cram
David Batchelder
Jedediah Prescott jun.
Josiah Prescott jun.
John Mead
Samuel Pulsfer
Joshua Leavitt
Ezekiel Gilman
William Mors.
Benjamin Bere?
Tho^s Jenness
Joseph Currier
Joseph Judkins
Joshua French
Benjamin Judkins
Ebenezer Brown jr.
Daniel Ladd
Joshua Young
Nathaniel Philbrick.
his
Jonathan X Watson
mark
Jonathan Philbrick
Simon Batchelder
Ephraim Batchelder
Moses Barnard.
Jonathan Judkins
Abraham Prescutt
Samuel Prescutt
Jonathan McCluer
Samuel Mc'cluer
Iddo Webster
Thomas Blasdel
Cotton Haines
John Pearson [the 3d
Nathaniel Bachelder
Joseph Wallis
Phineas Tilton
Timothy Gowing
John Philbrick
Nathan Philbrick 101.

Deerfield June 20th 1776.

To the Honorable General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

Gentlemen we have Complyed with your Request in Desiring all Males to Sine the Declaration on this Paper Excepting a few who have gon out of the Parish the men who refuse to Sine are those whose names are here under written

NATHAN SANBORN } Select-
BENJAMIN PAGE } men.
ROBERT PAGE }

Capt John Robenson
Liet Nath Meloon
Moses Marshel
Joseph Merril
Doc^{t} Jonathan Hill
Josiah Sanborn
William Turril
Nehemiah Cram
John Easman
Ephraim Brown
John Bartlet
Elezer Alliene
Jeremiah Glidden
Daniel Marston
Nath^{l} Folsom
John Prescott
Samuel Windslo
Aseph Merril
Benja^{n} Ladd
Nath^{l} Robenson 20

SIGNERS IN DEERING.

Ben. Little
Ephraim Abbott
Benj^{n} Bradford
John Waley
William M^{c}Keen
Samuel Chandler
Nenian Aiken
John Bayls
Joseph Wakefield
William Robertson
Ebenezer Blood
Elias Hassall
Frances Grimes
Samuel Patten
John Sheriar
Abraham Gove
Alexander Hogg
William Aiken
William Forsith
Thomas Aiken
David Willson
John Lyon
Bray Wilkens
Timothy Wyman
Jonathan Wyman
Timothy Wyman, Jun.
James Grimes
Joseph Crilis
Robert Mills
Ephraim Clark
Elexander Roberson
Joseph Robinson
William Bradford. 33.

A Return of the mens names that Refuse to Singe the within Writing.

John Bartlet
Jonathan Straw 2.

BENJ^{a} BRADFORD, Selectman

SIGNERS IN DERRYFIELD.

John Hall
William Parham
Thomas Newman
Ebenezer Stevens
David Merill
Daniel Hall
William M^{c}Clintock,
John Dickey
John Goffe
John Rand
Samuel Moor
Robert Cunningham
Alex^{r} MacMurphy
Samuel Boyd
Charles Emerson
Micheall M^{c}Clintock
Benjamin Crombie
David Starret
Ezekiel Stevens
John Parham
William Nutt
Benja Baker
John Harvey
William Parham
George Greaham
Simon Lull
William Gambell
James Peirse
Abraham Merrill
Abraham Merrill
Jonathan Merrill
John Ray
Moses Merrill
Nathaniel Boyd
John Russ
Robert Clark
Samuel Stark
Joseph George
Jesse Baker

James Gorman
James M^{c}Night
John Grifen
Theoph^{ls} Grifen
Moses Crombey
Joseph Griffin
Joseph Farmer
Hugh Thomson
47.

Colony of New Hampshire Derryfield
June the 1st Day 1776.

To the Hon. M. Weare Chearman.

This is to certifi that we the Subscribers has Presented the within Declaration to all the Inhabitants of said Town and they Have all signed said Declaration which we in our Judgment thought had a rigt to sign the same.

Certified by us &

David Starret
Ezekiel Stevens } Selectmen.
John Parham

SIGNERS IN DUBLIN.

John Swan
Richard Gilchrest
Tho. Morse
Eli Morse
Joseph Greenwood
Moses Adams
Daniel Morse
Jos. Twitchel
Ebenezer Twitchel
Samuel Twitchel
Stephen Twitchel
Simeon Johnson
Ivory Perry
Benjamin Learned
John Morse
Henry Strongman
Joseph Adms?
Benj^a Mason
William Greenwood
Levi Partridge
Timothy Adams
Eli Greenwood
John Knowlton
Simeon Bullard
John Muzzy
Moses Johnson
Reuben Morse
Richard Strongman
Ithamar Johnson
Silas Stone, Jun^r.
Ezra Morse
Isaac Adams
Isaac Bond
Silas Stone
Thomas Alden
Josiah Greenwood
Moses Greenwood
James Rolins
James Chamblen
Thomas Lewis
Samuel Williams
Ebenezer Hill
Abijah Twitchel
Nath^l Bate
William Strongman
William Yardly
John Wright
Thomas Muzzy
Moses Pratt
Gershom Twitchel
Caleb Stanford
Lube Puffer
Phinehas Stanford
Nathan Burnap
Gershom Twitchel, Jun.
Gardner Town
Oliver Right. 22.

In Compliance with your Request we have Desired all the males in our town above twenty one years of age to sign to the Declaration on this Paper; which they all Did without any Dispute.

test— Joseph Greenwood
Simon Bullard } Selectmen of Dublin.
John Muzzy

SIGNERS IN DUNBARTON.

Thomas Caldwell
James McCalley
Thomas Huse
John Gould
James Clement
David Story
Daniel Story
Samuel Burnham
John Jameson
Stephen Ayer
Hesekiah Colby
Abel Sargent
Samuel Kelly
Noah Sargent
Edward Presbe
James Gray
Amos Emery
Theo^{s} Goodwin
Caleb Page
Jere^{a} Page
Enoch Sargent

William Holmes
Henry Poudney
Thomas Hoyt
John Holmes
James Alexander
Nathan Burnam
Thomas George
John Morill
Asa Burnam
Asa Putney
William Page
John Hogg
Enoch Sargent
Sargent Colby
Zebulon Getchel
Philip Wells
Israel Clifford
John Church
Benjamin Parkman (?)
Thomas Mills
David Hardy

William Wheeler
Plumer Wheeler
Sam Allison
James Stewart
Archibel Stinson
Stephen Wheeler
Samuel Stuart
Moses Colby
George Hogg
Isaac Cheneye
Jonathan Stevens
Richard Greenough
Hugh Jameson
David Favour
his
Jacob ⌉ Colby
mark
his
Jacob *T* Chesamor
mark
Caleb Page, juner
59.

Dunbarton Nov 25th 1776.

The under written names were those who had the ofer to signe and Refused.

Jeremiah Page } Selectmen
John Hogg } for Dunbarton

William Stark
William Stinson
Stephen Palmer
John Stinson
Roba^{t} Hogg

James Hogg
Abraham Burnum
John Collin
David Hogg
John McCordey
10.

SIGNERS IN ENFIELD & CANAAN.

CANAAN SIGNERS.

Ebenezar Eams
Richard Clark.
James Treadway will on ceartain conditions, viz. (1)

Jehu Jones
his
Thomas Baxter ×
mark
Robart Curts

Joshua Wells
Samuel Joslen
Richard Joslen
Charles Walworth
Ezekiel Wells

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(1) 1st On Condition that no man who is taken a Captive from the British forces be made an officer or let to be a Soldier in the Continental Army and 2ly that every American found and taken in armes against the United Colonies be Immediately put to Death, and 3ly that all & every of the British Troops that are Captivated by the Continental forces by Sea or land or any other way taken shall be kept in Prison or Close Confinement, and 4ly that every Commanding Officer or a Soldier or any Person or Persons imployed in any Business whatever in the Continental Forces who is found & proved to be a Traitor to the United Colonies in America be put to Death Immediately.

Upon these aforementioned Conditions do I sign this Declaration
Witness my Hand
[JAMES TREADWAY

Caleb Clark
Thomas Miner
Samuel Jones
Joseph Walter
Tho Baldwin
John Scofield
Samuel Lathrop
Ezekiel Gardner
John Scofield
Gideon Rudd
Eliezer Scofield
Caleb Welch
Job Scipio

24.

Canaan July 1st AD. 1776.

To the Honble Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire.

These are to Certify that every man in this Town Voluntarily Signd this agreement.

Atest
EBENEr EAMS } Select
SAMUEL JONES } men.

ENFIELD SIGNERS.

John Lasell
Benjamin P. Fuler
Daniel Hovey
John Lyman
Simon P. Slapp
Josiah Hovey
Nathan Bicknell
Elisha Bingham
Jonth. Padelford, jun.
Samuel Meacham
Jonathan Padelford
Phillip Padelford
Asa Williams

13.

Enfield June ye 11th 1776.

To the Honourable Commity of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire

Those Names which are within writen hear unto voluntarily have unto soot their Hands.

Attest
JOHN LASELL } Select men
SAMUEL MEACHAM } of
DANl HOVEY } Enfield.

SIGNERS IN EPPING.

John Prescott
Abraham Perkins
Abraham Folsom
Benjamin Brown
Jonathan Cilley
Jonathan Meloon
Seth Fogg
Benjamin Dearborn
Jonathan Philbrick
Samuel Plumer
his
Ezekiel X Clough
mark.
David Lawrence
Mark Howe
Benjamin Smith, jr.
Benjamin Page
Jona Clark, jun.
Abram Perkins, jun.
Josiah Edgerly
Jonathan Rundlett
Samuel Hunt
Joseph Gale
James Norris
Benjamin Brown, jr.
Josiah Folsom
Eliphalet Cally
Ezekiel Brown
Brad. Gilman
Daniel Gordon
Wm Coffin
Abraham Brown Jr
Samuel Smith
Simeon Noris
Nehemiah Wheeler
Joseph Prescott
Benjamin Clifford
David Lowel
Jonathan Winslow
Jacob Forss?
Joseph Blake
Philip Harvy
Jonathan Clark
John Rowell
Thomas Cauley

John Cauley
Simon Drake
Edward Laurans
Abraham Brown
Joseph Chandler
Samuel Shaw
Richard Shaw
Ebenezer Connor?
Ezra Straw
John Straw
Samuel Dearborn
John Shurburn
Richard Shurburn
Jonathan Prescott
Jonathan Calley
William Crocket
Moses Davis
Samuel Parsons
Ezekiel Hook
John Lunt
Frances Jones
Joshua Brown
James Rundlet
Wm Dowlin
Jeremiah Prescott
Simon Dearborn
Job Parsons
James Sanborn
Joseph French
Abraham Tilton
Enoch Coffin
Phineas Fogg
Rubben Osgood
John Gilman
Jacob Rundlet
Robart Judkins
Chas Crockett
Joseph Mason
John Towle jr.
Josiah Randlet
Josiah Norris
John Chapman, jr
Oliver Morrill
Gould French
James Chase Jun.
James Johnson
Ebenezer Straw
Josiah Towl
John Marden
William Straw
Ezra French
Seth Tash?
Jethro B. Tilton

Barzilla French
Moses Coffin
John Pike
John Bartlett
Samuel Connor
John Towl
Simeon Robinson
Thomas Burley
Saml Clark
Benja Dockum
Jonathan Eliot
Josiah Smith
David Hanes
Daniel Barber?
Moses Dalton
David Folsom
Levi French
Josiah Tilton
Benja Dow
Daniel Dow
John Chapman
Edmund Chapman
Benja Smith
Edward Sanbon
Daniel Sanborn
Benj. Johnson
Benjamin Johnson
Timothy Jones
Isaac Dimond
Jeremiah Sanborn
Jacob Blasdel
Chandler Sanborn
Josiah Chase
Joseph Chandler
Theophilus Blake
Benjamin Dearborn
Chase Osgood
Jacob Freese, Jun.
Nathaniel Sanborn
Ebenezer Dow
Jonathan Fifield
Hezekiah Clifford
James Osgood
Joseph Taylor
Daniel Randlet
Richard Clifford
Nichols Robinson
David Norris
Thomas Calley Jr.
Joseph Prescott
Samuel Morrill
James Rundlet
Jonathan Chase

James —— ——?
Sargent Huse
Saml Morrill
Ebenezer Fisk
Jacob Frease
Paul Lad
John Page
Ebenezer Blake
Benj. Rowlings
Jonathan Thomas
Thomas Robinson
Joseph Edgerly
Zebulon Edgerly
William Gill
Micah Prescut
Nathan Gove Prescut
Darbon Blake
Philip Kelley
Jonathan Ferren
John Ferren
Benj. Clarke
Samuel Veasey
Robart Cross
Simon Johnson
Jonathan Robinson Jr
Robart Wille
Benjamin Dockum, Jr.
Joseph Dudley
Beniah Dow
Jacob Swain
Winthrop Dow
Theophilus Stevens
Theophilus Stevens, Jr.
John Pease
Jonathan Robinson
Stephen Clifford
James Wadleigh
John Perkins Jr
John Lyford
Henry Wiggin
Thomas Wiggin
Thomas Wiggin, Jr.
his
Jonathan × Kinston
mark
Stephen Clark
David Perkins
Jacob Clark
Moses Page
James Chase
David Lawrence, Jr.
Samuel Franch
Paul Ladd. Jun—

Nathan Swain
Pain Blake
Jedediah Blake
John Carr
John Carr Jr
Benj^a Smart
Nathan Sanborn
Nathan Sanborn, Jr.
James Norris ye 4th

Agreeable to the Within association paper we have Shewn it to the Inhabitants and those persons whose names are under written are persons that Refuse to sighn the same— 209.

Seth Fogg
Enoch Coffin
Abraham Perkins
} Select men of Epping

John Barker
Jonathan Barker
Thomas Drake
Robert Blake
Joseph Shepard
Robert Smith
Nathaniel Ladd
Josiah Roberson
James Randlet, jun
Thomas Norris
Benj^a Morgan. 11

SIGNERS IN EPSOM.

John McClary
John Casey
Mark Moses
Samuel Moses
Ephraim Beray
Benett Lebbee.
John McGaffey
George Wallis
Elipt Sanborn
George Uren
Ebenezer Bracket
Joseph Sharborn
Aaron Burbank
Simon Knowles
Reuben Sanbun
Benj. Goodwin
Samuel Blake
Josiah Knowles
Simon Cass
Moses Locke
William Mason
Abraham Walles
James Snoden

Richard Treep?
John Cate
Ephraim Pettingell
Ephraim Locke
Nathaniel Payn?
Thomas Babb
Ebenezer Wallias
Benson Hain
Henry McCrelles
John McClary-Jr.
Moses Osgood
Andrew McGaffey
Waymuth Wallas
Neal McGaffey
Obadiah Williams
Jeremiah Prescott
Simeon Chapman pr desire
Samuel Daves
Nathan Marden
Francis Lock
John McCreles
Jonathan Knowles
Joseph Seavy

Hennery Seavy
George Sanders
David Knowlton
Levi Cass
Joseph Towle
Jeremiah Page
Nathaniel Willes
Benjamin Johnson
Isaac Lebbee
Samuel Rand
John Haneis?
William Drought?
William McCrelles
George
Jethro Blake
James Nelson.
Israel Folsom
Samuel Ames
Samuel Ames, Jun.
Thomas Holt, Jun
William Holt
William Rand
Silvanus Moses 68.

John Cass
William Odiorne
} Refused to Sign. 2.

☞ No return has been found from Exeter.

SIGNERS IN EAST KINGSTON.

Phinehas Bachellers
Benjamin French
Edward Fifield
Ebenezer Batchelor
Benjamin French, Jr
Josiah Tilton
Joshua French
Jacob Gale
Samuel Stevens
Jonathan Collins
John Sanborn
Nath^{l} Bacheller
Abraham Smith
Nath^{l} Gilman Bacheller
Simon Bacheller
Stephen Prescott
John Toppan
William Fifield
Enoch Chase
William Smith
Moses Greeley
Jonathan Lad Webster
Eliphalet Webster
Jonathan Greeley, Jr.
John Currier
Richard Smith
Daniel Gale
John Morrill
Daniel Eastman
Jonathan Clough
Trueworthy Palmer
Benjamin Smith
Abraham Smith, Jr
Nathan Bachellor
Thomas Bacheller
Nathan Ordway
Jacob Ordway
Jacob Graves
Samuel Palmer
David Tilton
Benjamin Welch
Ithamar Emerson
Joseph Bean
John Carter
Moses Blasdell
John Wellch
Elijah Clough
Andrew Greeley
Ebenezer Collins
Ezra Currier
Jeremiah Currier
Abner Morss
Samuel Carter
Jonathan Blasdell
John Blasdell
Ralph Blasdol
Nathan Sompson
Jacob Blasdell
Jacob Rowell
Matthias Bartlett
Daniel Rowell
Henry Blasdel
Daniel Blasdel
Nathaniel Whitcher
William Samson
Samuel Carter, Jr
Barnard Elliot
Caleb Webster
Ezekiel Merrill
True Pearkins
Josiah Bachelder
Philip Brown
Edward Greeley
Jonathan Greeley
John Sanborn
Jonathan Cass
Jeremiah Merrill
Jonathan Pearkins 78.

Col Jonathan Greeley has several Times been desired to Sign the Declaration but has not.

Abraham Brown } Refuse to Sign the
Jacob Currier } Declaration. 3.

SIGNERS IN GILMANTOWN.

Joseph Badger
Joseph Badger, Jr.
Peaslee Badger
W^{m} Smith
Jacob Kelley
Ebenezer Eastman
Daniel Folsom
John Moody
Paul Bickford
Ezekiel Hoit
Jacob Sleeper
John Hains
Josua Gilman
Benjamin Huckins
Israel Farrar
Benjamin James
Jonathan James
Jn^{o} Parsons
Noah Dow
Samuel Greeley
Joseph Huckins Jun
Joseph Huckins
David Fifield
Sam^{l} Fifield
W^{m} Silley
John Gilman
Isaac Smith
George Dennet
Thomas Fanders?
David Bean
Peter Gilman
Joshua Gilman
Samuel Gilman
Stephen Bean
Ephraim Morrill, Jr.
James Huckings
Jonathan Folsom
Robert Moulton
Matthias Sawyer
Daniel Stevens
Robert Glidden
Nathaniel Kimball
Andrew Paige
Simon Clough
Andrew Gliden

Samuel thuslen?
Samuel Avery
Jasper Elkins
Elisha Odlin
Samuel Ladd
Benj. Woodbridge Dean
Thomas Taylor
David Elkins
Summersbee Gilman
David Clough
Edward Gilman
Nathaniel Elkins
David Avery
Edward Smith
Ambros Hinds
John Sanborn
Nathel Webster
Edward Fox
Abner Clough
John Jeffry
Elisha Weed
Matthias Weeks
Thomas Chattell
Ephraim Morrill
Jonathan Gilman third
Joseph Parsons
William Parsons
William Parsons Jr.
Lemuel Rand
Ebenezer Paige
Jeremy Cogswell
Nathl Wilson
Jeremi Richardson
Isaac Bachelder
Winthrop Gilman
Dudley Young
Dudley Hutchinson
Jonathan Gilman, Jr.
Jotham Gilman
Jesse Looge
Samuel Osgood
John Worth
Solomon Kinnison
Ebenezer Stevens
Eliphalet Gilman
John Melchir
Elisha Hutchinson
Abiathar Samburn
Lowel Sanborn
Jonathan Ross
Samuel Clough
Jonath Clark
Benjamin Weeks
Daniel Dudley
Stephen Dudley
John Dudley
Benjamin Dow
Jeremiah Connor
Antipas Gilman
Benjamin Gilman
Samuel Brooks
Nehemiah Louge
Abner Evens
Daniel Evens
Jonathan Hutchinson
Tride Bean
John Mash
Henery Mash
Josiah Avery
Joseph Osgood 115.

Gilmantown August ye 28th 1776.

Pursuant to the Orders of the Committee of Safety we have applied to the Inhabitants of Gilmantown to sign the Association paper and those named in the List here with committed are those that Refuse to sign it.

EDWARD SMITH } Selectmen of
JOHN SANBORN } Gilmantown.

Samuel Avery
Pain Smith
Daniel Clough
John Fox
Reuben Allen
Thomas Mudget
Noah Weaks
Samuel Weaks
Nathnl Webster Jr.
Simeon Muget
Gideon Bean
Joshua Bean
Gilman Lougey
Philip Pain
Joseph Morrill
David Edgerly
Gilman Lougey Jr
Orlando Weed
Jonathan Gilman
John Sheperd
Amos Paine
Isaiah Clough
Edward Lock
Abraham Folsom
George Weymouth
Joseph Avery
Hosea Hatch
Joseph Clifford
Jonathan Batchelder
Simeon Bean
Joseph Young
Enoch Bean 32.

Gilmantown August ye 28th 1776.
the Several persons abovenamed refuse signing the association paper

Edward Smith } Selectmen of
John Sanborn } Gilmantown.

To the Honourable the Council and Assembly or the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Whereas the Selectmen of the town of Gilmantown have applied to us to sign an association paper and there being some scruples on our minds we cant Conscientiously sign it and we beg leave to assign our Reasons which are as follows, viz.

We agree and Consent to the Declaration of Independence on the British Crown and are willing to pay our proportion to the support of the United Colonies but as to Defend with arms it is against our Religious principles and pray we may be excused all which is most Humbly submitted by your Honrs most Obedt Humle Servts

Orlando Weed
Pain Smith
Daniel Clough
Nathl Webster
Jonathan Dow
Hosea Hatch
Charles Currier
Samuel Avery
Simeon Mudget
Scribner Mudget
Joseph Morrill
Gilman Lougee
Noah Weeks
Gilman Lougee Jr.
Joseph Clifford
Jonathan Bachelder
Simeon Bean
Joseph Young
Reuben Allen.
John Fox
Samuel Weeks.

Dated Gilmantown, August ye 20th 1776.

SIGNERS IN GILSOM.

Ebenezer Dewey
Justus Hurd
Pelatiah Pease
Ebenezer Dewey Jr
Gershom Crocker
Josiah Kilbarn
Ebenezar Kilbarn
Tho. Morse
Josiah Kilburn, Jr
Ebenezer Church
Jonathan Adams
Ichabod Youngs
Henry White
Shubael Hurd
Stephen Bond
Joseph Youngs
David Bill
Stephen Bond. Jr.
Elisha Mack
Obadiah Smith
Levi Bliss
Jonathan Bliss
Abner Bliss
David Bliss
Jonathan Bliss Jr
Ebenezer Bill
Joel Kilbourn
Obadiah Willcox Jr
Elezer Willcox
John Chapman

John Marks
Stephen Griswold
James Rowe
Elisha Rendell?
John Boynton
John Boynton, Jr.
John Dimick, Jr
John Dimeck
Timothy Dimock
John Row
John Row, Jr.
Obadiah Willcox 42.

This may Certify that the Names Annexed to this paper are all the inhabitants of the town of Gilsum that come within the Limits of this Request.

Test. Eben^{r} Dewey, Jr. } Selectmen of
Pelatiah Pease } Gilsum.

SIGNERS IN HAMPTON.

Small Moulton
Thomas Leavitt
John Moulton
John Moulton^{5}
John Dow
John Moulton^{6}
James Hobbs
Samuel Dow
John Lamprey
Josiah Moulton
Edward Shaw
Samuel Shaw
Oliver Wellington Lane
Jonathan Moulton, Jr.
Edward B. Moulton.
Jonathan Shaw
Benjamin Batchelor
Jonathan Sanborn
Jonathan Leavitt
Simon Marston
Shubel Page
Elisha Towle
Ebenezer Thayer
Jon^{a} Moulton
Josiah Moulton Jr
John Moulton
Anthony Emery
Joseph Johnson
Nathaniel Johnson
John Bacheldor
John Lane
Jere^{h} Shaw
John Johnson
Jos. Moulton
his
Joseph X Garland
mark
Amos Coffin
Thomas Woodman
Joshua James
Stephen Page
Thomas Page
Samuel Drake
Samuel Drake, Jr
John Drake, Jr
Joshua Tenney
John Jenness Jr
Christo Topp'an
Benjamin Page
Will^{m} Branscombe
Morris Hobbs
Abner Page
Jonathan Locke
Nathan Moulton
John Moulton The 3^{d}
Samuel Page
John Tuck
James Perkins
Jonathan Tucke
Jonathan Tucke Jr.
Nathaniel Towle
Joshua Towle
Joshua Towle, Jr.
Elisha Marston
Jonathan Marston Jr
Carter Batchelder
Amos Towle, Jr.
Joseph Nay
John Nay
Josiah Towl
Daniel Philbrick, Jr
George Freese
Joseph Freese
Jeremiah Ballord
John Daerbon
Jonathan Garland Jr
Robert Drake, Jr.
Jeremiah Towle
Nathaniel Dearborn
Ephraim Marston
Philip Towle
Philip Towle, Jr.
Winthrop Sanborn
Thomas Jenness
John Moulton, Jr.
Nathan Brown
Jonathan Marston
Simon Towle
Jere^{h} Marston, Jr.
Nathan Sanborn
Ben^{j}. Brown Shaw
Hen^{y}. Fifield
Sam^{l} Brown
Samuel Brown, Jr.
John Allaman
his
John X Readman
mark
Simon Dow
John Marston
James Johnson
Andrew Mace
Ephraim Moulton
Jacob Palmer
Samuel Philbrick
James Philbrick
Gideon Shaw
Nathaniel Lamprey
Reuben Lamprey
Jon^{a} Dowst
Joshua Shaw
William Moulton
Samuel Lock
Jeremiah Knowles
Amos Knowles
Amos Knowles, Jr.
John Lamprey, Jr.

Zecheriah Brown
Thomas Nudd
Simon Nudd
Moses Brown
Stephen Fifield
John Crosbie
Simon Lane
William Lane, Jr.
Benja Moulton
Amos Towle
Joseph Towle, Jr.
Benjamin Mason
Josiah Mason
Jonathan Elkins
Moses Elkins
John Towl
Samuel Blake
Ebenezer Lane
Josiah Lane
Nathan Blake
Jonathan Blake
Lemuel Toulle
Abr^{m} Perkins Towle
Jethery Blake
David Moulton
James Towle
Henry Elkins
Jonathan Towl
Nathaniel Batcheler
Philip Marston
Abner Sanborn
Elisha Moulton
Jeremiah Sanborn
Simon Sanborn
Ezekiel Moulton
John Fogg
John Sanborn
Benjamin Tucke
John Taylor
Henry D. Taylor
Micajah Morrill
John Taylor, Jr.
Joseph Philbrick
John Philbrick
Robert Molton
Josiah Dearbon
Robert Drake
John Drake
Jonathan Godfree
Ward Lane
Samuel Nay
Daniel Lamprey
Edmund Mason
Samuel Marston
Joseph Dow
William Lane
Jon^{a} Garland
John Randell
Cotton Ward
Elisha Johnson 174.

Colony of New Hamp'sr } Pursuant to the within Request we the Subscribers, Select men of Hampton have Desired all males within said Hampton above twenty one years of age (Lunaticks Idiots & Negroes Excepted,) to sign to the declaration on this paper and these are that have refused to sign the same, (viz) *Capt Jeremiah Marston & Daniel Philbrick*. 2.

Given under our hands, Dated at Hampton aforesaid. June ye 4th 1776.

WILLIAM LANE
JOSEPH DOW
JOSIAH DEARBORN
JONATHAN GARLAND
COTTON WARD
} Select men of Hampton.

To the Hon^{ble} General Assembly or the Committee of Safety of said Colony of New Hampshire

SIGNERS IN HAMPSTEAD.

Jonathan Carleton
Samuel Little
Barth^{o} Heath
Timothy Goodwin
Caleb Emerson
Hezekiah Hutchins
Reuben Harriman
John Webster
Benj^{n} Little, Jr.
Will^{m} Moulton
Benj^{n} Emerson Jr
Samuel Johnson
Samuel Flagg
James Gile
John Gordon
James Eaton
John Bond
David Poor
Edward Prescut
Stephen Johnson
Joshua Bradshaw
Roger Magrath
Robert Hogg
Edmund Eastman

Joshua Eastman
Ezekiel Currier
Timothy Stevens
Daniel Little
Joseph Philbrick
John Darling
Andrew Bryant
Richard Heath
James Atwood
Oliver Worthen
Joseph French Jr
John Atwood Jr
Benjamin Tuxbury
Ezra French
Austin George
Jn^{o} Wiear
John Bond, Jr.
Edmd. Mooers
Peter Eastman
Henry True
Elipht Poor
Daniel Little Jr
Tristram Little
Samuel Johnson, Jr.
Humphrey Nichols
Abner Rogers

Thomas Emery
Christopher Rowell
William George
William Richardson Jr
Moses Little
Thomas Williams
Peter Morss
Robert Emerson
Watts Emerson
Will^{l} Richardson
John $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Giffers
Joshua Sawyer
Caleb Webster
John Harriman Jr
Amos Clark?
—— ——?
Samuel Kelley
Jonathan Eastman
John Simson
Nathanel $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Chase
Ebenezer $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Copp

Abner Little
Joseph Noyes
John Richardson
John Sawyer
Moses Stevens
John Harriman
Moses Kimball
Joseph Webster
Levi Webster
John Calfe
Jonathan Page
Joseph Kimball
Joseph Brown
John Kent
Job Kent
Sam^{l} Brown
Sam^{l} Brown jr
Moses Brown
James West
Sam^{ll} Currier
Jacob Currier
John Atwood
Thomas Wodley
Benj. Emerson
Tho^{s} Harriman
Obadiah Wels 97.

The Names of the Persons Refusing to sign this Declaration on this Paper

Capt William Marshel
De'n Joseph French
Benj^{m} Kimball
Mr John Hogg
John Muzzey, Esq
Left. Edmund Morss
John Mills
Peter Morss
Joshua Corliss
Thomas Muzzey
Joseph Kimbell, Jr.

Stephen March
Henry Hilton
William Stevens
Parker Stevens
James Shepard
Jesse Johnson
Caleb Johnson
John Plummer
Kelley Plummer
Ebenezer Kimbell

21.

State of New Hampshire, Septemb^{r} 10th 1776.

In persuance of the Requiste of the Honorable Committee of Safety for the State aforesaid, we the Subscribers have accordingly attended the Sarvice and have Presented the within Declaration to the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead and desired all male persons there in Directed to Sign thereto and after waiteing upon Sundry persons for their Consideration and Determination of their signing there of we have obtained the Grater part of said Town to subscribe there names there to, and all those persons that have Refused to Signe to said Declaration after being Repeatedly Desired we Return their Names in a Seperate Collom on this Paper.

John Atwood
Thomas Wodley
Sam^{ll} Little
Select men for Hampstead.

SIGNERS IN HAWKE (now Danville).

Moses Colbey
David Quimby
Reuben True
Henery Dearbon
Tho^s Stow Ranney
Jeremy Towle
Abraham Chase
Thomas Page
John Selly
Jonathan French
John Page
Henry Elkins
Caleb Towl
John Sanborn
Jethro Sanborn
Timothy Brown
Jonathan Sanborn
Abraham Darling
Gideon Sawyer
David Tilton
Elisha Batchelder
Josiah Batchelder
Richard Nason
Peter Elkins
Jedediah Phillbrick
Humphry Hook
James Towle
Joseph Clifford Sanborn
Joseph Brown
Jabez Page
Thomas Chellis
Timothy Worth
Jonathan French, Jr.
Samuel Paul Dudley
Ebenezer Tucker
Joseph Tucker
Edward Eastman
Nathel. Pellew?
Barnet Thorne
Stephen Bannerd?
Samuel Sargent
Samuel Fellows
Joseph Collins
Nehemiah Sleeper
Samuel March
Nathaniel Brown
Nathan Jones
Ezra Jones
Nathan Jones Jr
Jonthan Jones
Moses Quimby
Asa Flanders
Isaac Flanders
Jacob Eastmen
Samuel Eastmen
Stephen Eastmen
Henry Morrill
Israel Dimond
Hezekiah Blake
Jonathan Blake
Jonathan Blake, Jr.
Josiah Tuxbury
Isaac Clifford
William George
Jonathan Clough
Joseph Williams
Aaron Quimby
Amos Campell
Samuel Quimby
James Sawyer
Jabez Eaton
David Flanders
William Busel
Eliphelet Hoyt
Benjamin Eastmen
George Bartlett
James Lowell.

74.

In pursuant to the within Request we have shown this Declaration to all the Inhabitants of This Parish and all have signed except, *Joseph Jones*, *Hezekiah Sleeper*, *Joseph Sweat*, and *Tristom Collins*. 4.

The above named persons are called Quakers, and refuse to take up arms.

Moses Colby
David Quimby
Reuben True
Select men of Hawke.

Hawke June 7, 1776

SIGNERS IN HENNIKER.

Jacob Rice
Jonas Bowman
Thomes Pope
William Powers
Alexander Whitney
Ebenezer Harthorn
Amos Goold
Ezekiel Smith
Elijah Rice
Alexander Patterson
Charles Whitcombe
Moses Smith
David Pope
Tim^{o} Gibson
Eliakim How
Joseph Lewis
Jonas Alexander

Joshua Heath
Asa Putney
Samuel Wadsworth
Nath^{l} Joslyn
Francis Withington
Abel Gibson
Jacob Whitcomb
Ezekiel Stone
Benjamin Whitcomb
Samuel Farizel
Reuben Whitcomb
David Campell
Uriah Amsden
Thomas Howlett
Daniel Rice
James Joslyn
James Peters

Joseph Williams
John Pudney
Ephraim Morrill
Otis How
Jesse Ross
Eliphelet Colby
Thomas Townsed
Thomas Stone
Phinies Ward
Benj^{n} Clark
William Clark
Isaac Gates
Timothy Ross
Timothy Gibson
William Heath
Jonathan Wood
Stephen Spoldin 51.

Those persons Refuse to sign the within Declaration are underwritten.

Joseph Kimball Esq.
William Kimball
Joshua Kimball
Corp. Sam^{ll} Kimball
W^{m} Chabers
Aaron Estam
Sam. Morison
Noah Gill
Ezra Tucker, present Left.
Eben^{r} Heramon, Present Ens.
Josiah Ward, Capt.

Moses Huse
Serjant Hethe
Robard Cambell
Thomas Stone, Jr.
James Dusten
Benj. Currier
Aaron Adams, Cap.
Moses Powel
Jon^{a} Baston?
Netheniel Meriel
James Stone 22.

JONAS BOWMAN } Select men of
SA^{ll} WADSWORTH } Heniker.

SIGNERS IN HILLSBOROUGH.

Joseph Symonds
Isaac Andrews
Archibald Taggart
Samuel Preston
Jedediah Preston
Timothy Bradford
John Nichols
James Taggart
William Pope

William Jones Jr
John M^{c}Clintock
Alexander M^{c}Clintock
Asa Dresser?
Sam^{l} Jones
Andrew Bixbe
William Love
John Gibson
John Mead

John M^{c}Calley
Daniel Gibson
John Graham
William Jones
William Taggart
William Hutchinson
Benjamin Lovejoy
Lot Jenison
George Booth

Daniel Rolf
Samuel Bradford
Samuel Symonds
Jon^a Barns
Timothy Wilkins
Jacob Flint
Nehemiah Wilkins
Daniel Mc'neall
35.

Jonathan Durant refuses to sign. 1.

WILLIAM POPE
ARCHIBALD TAGGART } Selectmen.

SIGNERS IN HINSDALE.

Rev^d Bunker Gay
Aaron Coopor
Josiah Wheeler
Isaac Barit
Zadock Barit
Silas Barit
Offo Burnam
Samuel Comins
Robert Granadey
Uriel Evans
Stephen Tuttle
Moses Barret
John Barret
Benajah Geeir?
Capt Thomas Taylor
Jonathan Barrit
John Evans
Medad Evans
Joshua Frost
Hezekiah Elmer
Aaron Wright
William Goss
Membrance Wright
Sires Shattock
Asa Flagg
William Flagg
Micah Rockwood
Oliver Doolittle
Nathanel Smith
Nathaniel Stearns
Thomas Stoddard
Zeph. Richmond
John Peacock
Aaron Purdy?
Samuel Brown
35.

These are the names of those that Refuse to sign the Paper.

James Pierce
Tho^s Butler
Josiah Butler
Timothy Lad
Tho^s Rockwood
Daniel Jones, Esq.
Simon Jones
Nathan Thomas
Aaron Barret
Benjamin Bacor. 10.

SIGNERS IN HOPKINTOWN.

Richard Carr Rogers
Abner Gorden
Joseph Putney
Peter How
Joshua Bayley
Jotham How
Oliver Dow
Moses Kimball
Benj. B. Darling
Aaron Kimball
Elijah Fletcher
Stephen Harriman
Jonathan Straw
James Scales
Anthony Colby
Sargent Currier
John $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Chadwick
Enoch Eastman
Joseph Eastman
John Putney
William Darling
Gideon Gould
Ebenezer Collins
James Smith
Jonathan Starit
W^m Stanley
Abner Colby
Daniel Stickney
Samuel Kimball
Adonijah Tyler
Ezekiel Hadley
Abraham Rowell
John Clement
Daniel Murray
Joseph Stanley
John Blaisdell
Elijah Dungin
Benjamin Eastman
John Jewett
Eliphelet Colby
Daniel Watson
Francis Smith
Aaron Greeley
John Jewett
Green French
Moses Jewett

Jacob Sibley
Elneser Riden?
Abraham Davis
Isaac Colbey
Jonathan Chase
Nehemiah Colby
Samuel Hoyt
Joseph Flint
Abel Kimball
Asa Heldreth
Samuel Farrington
Jonathan Gorden
David How
Nathaniel Clement
Joshua Morse
Philip Greeley
Nathaniel Morgan
Jacob Hoyt
David Connor
Timothy Darling
Nathan Sargent
Jacob Straw
Moses Emerson
Moses Bayley
Johnthing O'Connor
Ezra Hoyt
Nicholas Colby
Matthew Stanley
Stephen Hoyt
Stephen Eastman
John Trussel
Joseph Story
Moses Gould
John Gage
Thomas Bickford
Moses Sanborn
David Young
John George
Joseph O'Connor
Joseph Davis
Thomas Webber
Moses Sawyer
Moses Hills
Richard Straw
William Petters
Jonathan Quimby
John Darling
Josiah Smith
Benjamin Jewett
John Burbank
Caleb Smart
Isaac Chandler
Jeremiah Story, Jr.
Isaac Fallow
Abraham Kimball
Joseph Chandler
John Gage Jr
Nathaniel Kimball
Samuel Jewett
Oliver Pearson
Ezekiel Straw
Daniel Cresey
David Fellows
Daniel Noyes
Joseph Clark
Henery French
Zechariah Story
Nathan Story
David Clough
Jeremiah Story
Joseph Hovey
Samuel Stanley
Joseph Barnard
Ephraim Gay?
Samuel Stocker
Samuel Harris
William Godfrey
Peter Sargent
John Webber
Moses Connor
Samuel Smith
Mark Jewett
Richard Merrill
Nathan Kimball
Moses Straw
Ralph Judkins
Richard Webber
William Colby
William Davis
Caleb Burbank
Thomas Easman
Ruben Kimbell
William Scales
Jonathan Quimby
Benjamin Quimby
Jacob Choate
Joseph Nichell
Samuel Brackenbury
James Kimball
Oliver Sawyer
Benjamin Sawyer
Johnson Gile
Francis Whittier
Isaac Davis
James Clough
Jonathan Hunt
Samuel Silver
Philip Godfrid Esqr
John Eatton
Joseph Hastings
Samuel Hadley
Benj. Wiggin
Josiah Judkins
Daniel Flanders 161.

The Names on this Paper are those that Refused to sign to the Declaration Sent from the Committee of Safety to us the Subscribers.

JAMES SMITH
JOHN CLEMENT } Selectmen for Hopkintown
BENJ. WIGGIN

Chase Wiggin
Nathaniel Barker
James Buswell
James Jewett
Cristopher Gould
Benj Brown
Abraham Brown
Nathan Gould
Moses Jones
John Jones
Eastman Hoit
John Currier
Richard Cressey
Benj. Merril. 14.

SIGNERS IN KEEN.

Tho' Frink
Nathan Blake
Eliph Briggs Jr.
Josiah Richardson
Joseph Blake
David Kingsbury
Dan Guild
Eli Metcalf
Ichabod Fisher
Thomas Wilder
Isaac Wyman
David Foster
Ephraim Dennard
Seth Heaton
Andrew Balch
Gideon Ellis
Thos Baker
Benj. Archer
Joseph Ellis
Simeon Washburn
David Nims
Elisha Briggs
Benj. Archer, Jr
Sam^{ll} Wood
Eliphalet Briggs
Nath^{l} Briggs
Elijah Blake
Uriah Willson
John Lesbourear
David Foster, Jr
Timothy Ellis
Gideon Tiffany
Jessey Hall
Michael Metcalf
Jesse Clark
Gideon Ellis, Jr.
David Nims, Jr
Abraham Wheeler
W^{m} Ellis
Joshua Osgood
Nathanael Kingsbury
Reuben Daniels
Reuben Partrage
Cephas Clark
Ebenz^{r} Carpenter

Timothy Ellis, Jr.
Eliakim Nims
Caleb Ellis
Joseph Willson
Davis Howlett
Timothy Ellis ye 3^{d}
Benjamin Willis
Sam^{ll} Chapman
John Balch
Abijah Metcalf
Henry Ellis
Luther Bragg
Seth Heaton, Jr.
Josiah Ellis
Benjamin Osgood
Ebenezer Newton
Daniel Willson
Ezra Harvey
David Harris
Obadiah Blake Jr
Zadock Nims
Isaac Clark
Bartholomew Grimes
David Willson
Benj. Balch
Ebenezer Day
John Dickson
Naboth Bettison
Abraham Wheeler, Jr.
James Wright
John Houghton
Silas Cook
Nathan Blake, Jr.
Nathan Rugg
Stephen Larrabe
Robt. Spencer
Ebenezer Cook
Joshua Ellis
Jotham Metcalf
Moses Mash
Simeon Clark
Benj. Ellis
Asahel Blake
Sam^{l} Basset

Jedediah Wellman
Jonathan Heaton
Simeon Ellis
Benj. Ellis
James Croffield
Joseph Ellis Jr
Tho^{s} Baker Jr
Tho^{s} Wells
Achilles Mansfield
Royal Blake
William Gray
Aaron Gray, Jr.
John Daniels
Samuel Daniels
Jedediah Carpenter
William Goodeogh
Adin Holbrook
Hezekiah Man
Jer. Stiles
Sam^{l} Hall
Jonathan Archer
Abithar Pond
Silas French
Eliph^{t} Carpenter
Benj. Willord
Jacob Town
John Day
Peter Rice
Isaac Esty
Jonathan Dwinell
Thomes Dwinell
John Colleney
Abijah Wilder
Zadok Wheeler
Daniel Snow
Nathan Nelson
Israel Houghton
William Woods
Asaph Nichols
Elisha Ellis
Tho^{s} Fields
Michael Sprought
Benjamin Tiffany
James Eddy 133.

Agreable to the within Directions we have Requested all in this Town to sign as herein sett forth, and hereto anext the names of all those who Refuse to sign the within Declaration, Viz:

Maj. Josiah Willard
L^t Benjamin Halle,
Doc^t Josiah Pomroy,
Samuel Wadsworth,
Robert Gilmore,
John White
Elezer Sangor.
Abner Sangor
Thomas Cutter
James Perkins,
Benjamin Osgood, Jr,
John Swan,
James Hunt. 13.

ELIPHALET BRIGGS, JR.
JOSIAH RICHARDSON
JOSEPH BLAKE
DANIEL KINGSBURY
} Selectmen of the Town of Keen.

SIGNERS IN KENSINGTOWN.

Jonathan Perkins
Benj^a Prescott
Odlin Prescott
Simon Prescott
Aaron Page
Moses Blake
Richard Sanborn
Israel Hodgdon
Peter Hodgdon
Caleb Shaw
Israel James
Ebenezer Potter
Eben^r Clifford
Benjamin Row, Esq.
Joseph Hillard
John Melcher
Edward Melcher
Winthrop Row
Benj^a Row, Jr
Joseph Tilton
Elijah Tilton
Samuel Tuck
Philemon Blake
Jonathan Row
Samuel Prescutt
David Stuart
Jeremiah Fellows
Jeremiah Fellows Jun.
James Fogg
John Batchelder
Benj^a Moulton
John Page
Edward Lock
Hezekiah Blake
Jeremiah Dearbon
Ephraim Eastman
Nathaniel Ward
David James
John Page, Jr
Jeremiah Fogg
Joseph Fogg
William Fogg
Jesse Tuck
David Smith
Abraham Sanborn
Joseph Wadleigh
Nathaniel Healey
Jon^a Prescott
Paul Blake
John Lane
Henery Sanborn
Jeremiah Batchelder
Abraham Prescutt
Theophilus Sanborn
James Sanborn
Benjamin James
John Tilton
Sherburne Tilton
Benjamin Tilton
Benjamin Melcher
James Sanborn
Moses Sanborn
William Brown
Tim^o Chase Hilyar
Benj^a James, Jr.
Joseph Batchelder
Joseph Wadleigh 3^d
Philomon Blake
Timothy Blake Locke.
Joseph Dow
Simon Page
Elihu Shaw
Elisha Blake
Elisha Blake, Jr.
Ebenezer Loveren
Abraham Gove
Stephen Page
Philbrick Palmer
Jonathan Flanders
Nathan Dearborn
Benj^a Brown
David Brown
Robert Pike
Benj^a Eastman
Joseph Brown, Jr.
Ezekiel Worthen
Enoch Worthen
Nath^l Weare
Jabes Dow
Nathan Dow
Stephen Brown, Jr.
Joseph Brown
Joseph Clifford
Samuel Clifford
John Graves
Jonathan Palmer
Samuel Dearbon
Samuel Lampre
Jonathan Brown
Josiah Dow
Henery Lampre
Jon^a Dow

Nath^a Dow
Jonathan Ward
Moses Shaw
Moses Shaw, Jr.
David Shaw
Joseph Shaw
Joseph Row
John James
Marston Prescutt
Nathan Shaw
Benjamin Dow
Josiah Brown
Stephen Brown

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This is a list of thos names who have signd to the Declaration put out By the Congress or committee of Safety—

Nathaniel Gove
Josiah Batchelder
Isaac Fellows
Selectmen of Kensington

These under written names are those who Refused to Sign to the Declaration given forth By the Congress or committy of Safety—

Theophilus Page
Nathan Page
George Conner
Nathan Chase
Nathaniel Chase
Obadiah Gove
Obadiah Johnson
Jonathan Purinton
Elihu Chase
Elihu Chase Jr
John Chase
Stephen Chase
Jonathan Green
John Green
Stephen Green

So far is Quakers as these two Collums,

And what is to come your honours may call what you pleas.

Joseph Wadleigh, Jr.
Caleb Brown.
Jeremiah Tilton
Jonathan Tilton.
Stephen Fogg.

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SIGNERS IN KINGSTOWN.

John Huntoon, Jr.
Jon^a Procter
Willet Peterson
Nathan Sweat
Benjamin Judkins
Daniel Colcord
Philbrick Huntoon
Samuel Colcord
Richard Hubbard
Ebenezer Eastman
Simmons Secoomb
Joseph Calfe
Thomas Elkins
William Sanborn
Abraham Sanborn
Isaac Sanborn
Benjamin Huntoon
James Procter
Josiah Bartlett
Elisha Sweat
Ebenezer Stevens
John Pearsons
Abraham French
Jacob Hook
Richard Sleeper
Solomon Wheeler
Thomas Elkins Jr
Aaron Young Jr
Tristram Quimby
Mich^{ll} Carew
William Patten
Joseph Nichols
Henry French
Benjamin Sweat
John Darling Sweat
Stephen Clifford
John Calfe
David Sanborn
John Lad
Samuel French
John Judkins
John Calef, Jr.
John Judkins Jr
Ebenezer Long
Amos Gale

Ebenezer Fifield
Jethro Sanborn
Caleb Judkins
Henry Judkins
Benjamin Stevens
Joseph Clifford
Jonathan Sanborn
Samuel Fifield
Sam Philbrick
Peter Fifield
George Pitcher
David Kelly
Nathaniel Garland
Thomas Proctor
Gideon George
John French
Benjamin Sleeper
Joseph Woodman
Ebenz^{r} Stevens Jr
Sam^{ll} Buswell
Ebenezer Griffing
Samuel Sweat
Edward Sleeper
Joshua Bartlett, Jr.
Reuben Lowell
Benj^{a} Cooper
Jacob Webster
Daniel Smith
David French
Benjamin Sanborn
William Tande
Timothy Sanborn
Joseph Judkins
—— Benniman?
Samuel Woodman
Jonathan Colens
Stephen Badger
Timothy Quimby
William Sleeper
Jacob Smith
Jeremiah Bean
Benjamin Laitner
Stephen Tongue
Joshua Bartlett
Benjamin Lad
Stephen Sweat
John Clifford, Jr.
Benjamin Clough
Sanders Carr
James Thorn
John Thorn
Cornelius Clough
Joshua Woodman
Amos Borman
Benjamin Tucker
John Newton
James Colby
Ralph Blasdel
Sam^{ll} Thompson
Thomas Thompson
John Bartlet
Eben^{r} Bartlet
Nathan Bartlet, Jr.
Thomas Sever
Thomas Sever, Jr.
Phillip Davis
Webster Davis
Jacob Carter
Jacob Carter, Jr.
Jeremiah Johnson
Henery Hunt
Jonathan Pollerd
Stephen Stuert
Joseph Welch
John Severance
Jonathan Sanborn, Jr.
Moses Hunt
Ebenezer Watson
John Stevens
Jonathan Sleeper
Moses Carter
William Collins
Peaslee Hoyt
William Challey
Benoni Eaton?
Aaron Young
Thomas Carter
Benjamin Webster
Richard Hubbard
James Vose
Jacob Pesly
Joseph Fellows
Caleb Sever
John Sleeper
John B. Sleeper
John Winslow
Jacob Thorne
Sam^{ll} Davis
Timothy Bartlet
William Calfe
John Singleton
Billy Hardie
Bennet Greenfield
John Noyes
Daniel Busel
Jacob Winslo
Sam^{ll} Winslow 150.

Agreeable to the Direction of the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety of this Colony we have Requested each inhabitant of this Town to sign to the within Declaration & herewith Return the Names of those that have sign'd as with also those that have not, & Refuse to sign who are as follows, Viz.

James Caruth, A Scotchman Declines obliging himselfe to take up arms against his Native Country, but Declares he will neaver take up arms against America, & is willing to bear his Proportion of the publick taxes with his Townsmen.

Moses Welch—Refuses to take up arms & pleads Conscience for an excuse.

Hezekiah Beedy
John Sanborn
John Clifford Fifield
Ens. Isaac Webster
John Webster
Reuben Davise
Sam^{ll} Severance
Thomas Merrill
John Tucker
Ephraim Winslow
John Eastman
John Gilman 14.

These Persons appear to be fearfull that the Signing this Declaration would in some measure be an Infringement on their Just Rights and Libertys but they appear to be Friendly to their Country & several of them have ventured their Lives in the American cause & the 3 last named Persons are now in the Army.

Eben Eastman
Richard Hubbard
Simmons Seccomb
Selectmen of Kingston.

Sept y^{e} 23^{d}, 1776.

SIGNERS IN LEBANON.

John Wheatley
John Slapp
John Baldwin
Sam^{ll} Bailey
Jonathan Dana
Eliezer Robinson
William Dana
Hezekiah Waters
James Jones
John Gray
Jesse Cook
Sam. Eastabrook
Benjamin Write
Hobart Estabrook
Nathaniel Hall
Jonathan Bingham
Silas Waterman
Jedediah Hebbard
Joseph Wood
W^{m} Radman
John Colburn
Nath^{l} Wheatley
Walter Peck
Zaccheus Downer
Asa Colburn
Const Storrs
Stephen Colburn
John Williams
Isaiah Potter
Samuel Paine
Elijah Dewey, Jr.
Huckens Storrs
Joseph Tilden, Jr.
Elkanah Sprague
Daniel Hough
Sam^{l} Bailey, Jr.
Daniel Bliss
Joseph Tilden
Charles Tilden
Oliver Griswold
James Hurtshorn
Azariah Bliss
Azariah Bliss, Jr
Stephen Bliss
John Ordway
Nehemiah Estabrook
Rufus Baldwin
Nathaniel Porter
Nath^{l} Porter, Jr.
Elijah Dewey
Phinehas Wright
William Downs
Barnebas Perkins
James Hebard
Levi Hyde
Elias Lyman
Theophelus Baybrick
Eliezer Woodward
Nathaniel Kidder
David Colburn
Moses Hebard
Jeremiah Griswold
Benja. Fuller
James Fuller
Lemuel Hough
Elisha Sticknor
Isaiah Bliss
Nathaniel Storrs
Samuel Millington
Solomon Millington
Henry Woodward
John Griswold
Nathan Durkee
Sam^{ll} Sprague
Charles Seiton
John Slapp, Jr.
William Downe, Jr
Salmon Aspenwall
Joseph Martin
Abel Wright
Ebenezer Bliss
Tho^{s} Welles
Jonathan Bettes
John Hyde
Sluman Lathrop
Abiel Welles
Joseph Dana 87.

Lebanon July 4th 1776.

These may Certifie, that the within Resolve &c has been Presented to all the Inhabitants of Said Lebanon In manner and form as Requested, who have freely & Chearfully affixed their several Names thereto. There not being one Dissentient therefrom in said Lebanon—

Test Neh^{h} Estabrook }
Jn^{o} Wheatley } Selectmen.
John Slapp. }

SIGNERS IN EXETER?

[Note. There appears to be some mistake in this return. There were many more inhabitants in Exeter than are here returned—and the names most prominent in that town are not included. Instead of Exeter, it should be of some other name, or the return must be imperfect.—Ed.]

Joseph Swasey
Josiah Wyatt
Josiah Weeks
Stephen Thing
Stepen ———
Samuel Lanson
Gerould Fitz Gerould
Josiah Gilman, Jun^{r}.
John Giddinge
Joseph Gilman
Theophilus Smith
Eliphalet Giddinge
Thomas Dollof
Josiah Bed
John Bond
Noah Emery
Hubartus Neale
Daniel Grant
Sam^{l} Harris
Joseph Stacey
John Potten
David Smith
Will^{m} Odlin
Benj^{a} Cram
Josiah Folsom
Samuel Quimby
Joseph Thing
Nath^{l} Gorden
Robart Kimball
Benjamin Kimball
Robert Lord
Jo^{s}. Rawlins
Edward Ladd.
Joseph Lamson
Thomas Lyford
Zebulun Gilman
Benj^{a} Morse
David Gilman
Thomas Tyler
Samuel Folsom Gilman
Bart Gale
Dudley Watson
Benjamin Seavey
John Gidding, Jr
Winthrop Thing
Kinsley H. James
John Cartly
Jonathan Hopkinson 48.

SIGNERS IN LEAVITTS TOWN (now Effingham).

Reuben Marston
John Marston
Levi Lamper
Carr Leavitt
Benjamin Dearborn
Richard Taylor
Simon Leavitt
Weare Drake
Tho. Parsons
Levi Jones
John Leavitt
James Titcomb
Josiah George
Robert Brown
Joseph Palmer
Eleazer Davise
William Palmer
17.

The above have all signed to abide by the within precept—& there is no more Inhabitants in Leavitts Town.

SIGNERS IN LEE.

Elijah Dinsmore
Samuel Jackson
Bennan Jackson
John Emerson
Samuel Emerson
Joshua Burnam
Joshua Burnham Jr
Steven Wille
Joseph Sias
William French
Joshua Wordmarch
Eleson Watson
Philbrok Barker
Moses Runales
Samuel Hill
Ruel Giles
Cornilus Dinsmore
Job Runels
E. Jones, Jr
Jonathan Dow
Isaac Small
Peter Folsom
Josiah Dergien
Miles Randel
Benjamin Durgin
John Sanbonn
Jonathan Runals
Zaccheus Clough
Job Runels, Jr.
Enoch Runels
William Goen
Ephm. Sherburne
Dimond Furnald
Richard Hull
Samuel Langmaid
Ebenezer Jones
Lemuel Chesley
John Jones
Benj. Clark
George Jones
Benjamin Jones
Smith Emerson
Isaac Clark
Simon Rindel
James Brackett
Stephen Stevens
Gideon Mathes
Danel Chele
Gerge Chale
Thomas Arlen
Zebelen Wiley
Timothy Muncy
Micajah Bickford
Daniel Shaw
Amos Furneld
Edward Scales
Robert Parker
John Mendum
Hunking Dame
John Follett
Ebenezer Randel
Eli Furber
Ebenezer Burnum
Joseph Brackett
Joseph Follet
Samuel Steivens
Samuel Bickford
Jonathan Fisk
William Waymoth
George Tuttle
George Duoh
James Watson
Samuel Watson
Timothy Moses
Dennet Waymouth
John Kinnison
Josiah Kinnison
William Gleden
John Putnam
Anthony Fling
John Davis
Clement Davis
Andrew Watson
Thomas Tuttle
Thomas Tuffts
Samuel Burley
James Davis
Jeremiah Hutchins
John Davis
Nathaniel Frost
Henry Tufts
Jonathan Stevens
Henery Tufts, Jr.
Thomas York
Nicheless Tuttle
Robert York
Eliphalet York
David Davis
Nathaniel Stevens
William Stevens
Samuel Durgin
Joseph Watson
Reuben Hill
Sam. Hutchin
Josiah Bartlet
Moses Dame
Jonathan Thompson
Samuel Mathes
William Bly
Samuel Langley
Samuel Smith
Nicolas Meder
Matthias Jones
Benj. Jones
Joseph Jones
Tolman Thompson
Zekiel Wille
Edward Leathers
John Leathers
Joseph Doe
John Williams
John Layn
Benjamin Braily?
Thomas Huckins Jr
Elijah Fox
John Wiggin
James Clemens
John Sias
Benjamin Bodge
Marke Weder?
Mr. Samuel Bodge
John Glover
Edward Hill
Thomes Wille
Ezekiel Wille
Thomas Noble
Samuel Woodman
Edward Woodman
Thomas Hunt
Josiah Burley
Samuel Wille
Joseph Pitman
Samuel Snell Jr.
Thomas Langly 142.

These men hereafter named in the Parish of Lee Refuse to sign the Association sent to us from the General Court by order of the Continental Congress.

Robert Thompson
Joseph Cartlin
William Jenkins
William Jenkins, Jr.
Charles Rundet
Joseph Meder
James Bunker
Samuel Lamas
David Muncey
John Snell
William Calwell
Joseph Emerson
Richard Glover
Aaron Hanson 14.

ICHABOD WHIDDEN } Selectmen of
WILLIAM LASKEY } Lee.

SIGNERS IN LONDONDERRY.

William Gregg—
Hugh Montgomery
John Pinkerton
Moses Lankester
Benjamin Cheney
David Clendinin
James Paul
John Cochran
Robert Wilson
Timothy Farer
John Moor
John Aiken
Thomas Taggart
John Nesmith
James Cochran Jr.
James M^{c}Gregore
John ,Bailey
John Gilman
Rob^{t} M^{c}Neill
Arthur Archibald
William Hetty?
Matthew Thornton
Joseph Gregg
George Duncan, Jr.
John Greg—
Benjamin Gregg
William Alexander
Isaac Peabody
M^{c}Gregore
Daniel Rundals
George Russel
Stephen Holland
William Vance
Nathan Stinson
David Craige
John Prentice
James Cochran
James Alexander
Mathew Miller
Mo^{s} Barnet
John Vance
Alexander M^{c}Collom
Adam Wiar
Robert Wallace
Thomas M^{c}Cleary
Robert Macordy
John Robinson
John Patton
Sam^{l} Dickey
James Wallace
John Holms
Alex^{r} Crage
Robert Gilmore
Andrew Clendinin
Thomas Willson
Samuel Morrison
John Steel
James Nichols
Tho. Emerson?
Thomas Patterson
Robert Holms
Adam Dunlap
Will^{m} Davidson
Robert Moore
Robert Smith
David Anderson
Samuel Gregg
David Taylor
John Hopkins
Samuel Marsh
Rob^{t} Morrison
Jonathan Gillman
Jonathan Kelso
George Mansfield
John Annes
James Humphry Jr
Robert M^{c}Farland
John Tylor
William Tylor
John Marsh
W^{m} Cunningham
Thomas Anderson
Thomas Creage
Matthew Clark
Isaac Brewster
John Barnet
John Hilaner?
John Barnet, Jr.
James Anderson
John Gunion
Adam Taylor
Samuel Taylor
John Bell
W^{m} Duncan
Abraham Duncan
John Cox
Rob^{t} Morison
John Craig
James Taggart
Samuel Anderson
Samuel Anderson
James Adams

James Nesmith
Robert Adams
Archibald Mack
James Nesmith, Jr.
James Miltmore
Samuel Clark
James Ewing
James Donaldson
William Rogers
David M^{c}Keen
John Wallace
David Paul
Samuel Ghrims
Sam^{ll} Wilson
James Dinsmore
Samuell Gregg
John M^{c}Keen
George Duncan
Samuel Fisher
John Duncan
James Anderson
Ja^s Hopkins
Rob^t Archibald
John Hunter
James Miltimore
Jonathan Wallace
David Pinkerton
James Adams, Jr.
Thomas Rogers
James Anderson
William Anderson
Joseph Mack
Josiah Duncan
Robert Craige
John M^{c}Alester
Thomas Holms
David M^{c}Cleary
Ephraim Dimond
John Anderson
John Patterson
Alex^d Boyd
Tho^s Wallace, Jr.
James Barnet
John M^{c}Cleary
Samuel Morison, Jr.
Robert Dickey
Joseph Chapman
Elias Smith
John Marshall
Humphrey Holt
Andrew Mack
Archibald M^{c}Calester
Andrew Todd

Robert Thompson
John Thompson
Isaac Walker
Sam'l Thomson
Andrew Todd
Robert M^{c}Colom
David Brewster
James Adams
James MacMurphy
James Alexander
John M^{c}Intosh
Rob^t M^{c}Murphy, Jr.
Samuel Moreson
Mathew Pinkerton
Samuel Alls
Alexander Craig
Hugh Watt
Archibald MacMurphy
Jedediah Pattee
Samuell Willson
James Willson
Adam Dickey
John Dicky
George Conning
James Boyes
Samuell White
George M^{c}Allaster
Mat'w Dickey
Robert Meclure
John Keen
Sam^l Wallace
John Giles
Robert Boyd
James Thompson
Thom. M^{c}Cleary
Jacob Chas
William Page
Nath. Smith
Joseph Bell
James Cochran
John M^{c}Adams
John M^{c}Clenche
Samuel Bous
Joseph Bous
Moses Watt
Joseph Hogg
John Watts
Thomas Hilands
James Lyons
James Hogg
Francis Mitchel
Sen. W^m Johnston
Hugh Kalley

Peter Kalley
Rob^t Clendinin
William Wier
Nicholas Dodge
John Dwinell
Henry Campbell
David Porter
Thomas Wallace
James Wallace
George M^{c}Murphy
Will^m Wallace
Joseph Cochran
Samuel Renkin
Will^m Rankin
James Ramsey
John Hunter
Daniel Hunter
Thomas Wilson
Jesse Plumer
Nathaniel Brown
Jonathan Adams
John Clark
W^m Eayrs
John Ramsey
William Ramsey
William Cochran
John Ramsey
James Crombie
Jo^s Crombie
Thomas Lennon
Simeon Roberson
Eleazer Cumings
Ebenezer Tarbox
Samuel Eyers
Reuben Page
Jonathan Reed
Joseph Finlay
John Clark
Samuel Topson
Josiah Jones
Joseph Curtice
Thomas Senter
William Richardson
William Alexanders
James Darrah
Ezekiel Grele
Nathaniel Hale
Daniel Marshall
Benjamin Kidder
Joseph Hobbs
Elijah Towns
Stephen Dwinell
William Moor

Jabes Town
James March
Saml Senter
James Gregg
William Boyd
Abel Plummer
Joshua Conet
William Dickey
Samll Karr
William Eayers
Samuel McAdams
William Dicky
Thomas Boyd
Peter Robinson
William Steel
William McAdams
Robert McAdams
John Robinson
David Pebody
Joseph Steel
George Burroughs
Isaac Page
Phillip Marshal
David Lawrence
Richard Marshall
Sampson Kidder
James Barret
John Smith
Josiah Burroughs
William Burroughs
Moses Barret
David Campbell
William How?
William Grinnls
Robon Sondrson
Saml Cochran
Samuel Miller
John Duncan
John Jaques

John Pinkerton
Trueworthy Sargent
Jesse Anis
Thomas Perrin
Thomas Mitchel
Robert Cochran
Joseph Morison Jr
Arthur Boyd
Chelas Sargent
David Connolly
Parker Mooers
John Stewart
Thomas Shaw
Alexander Robinson
Robert McKeen
George Orr
Simeon Morrill
Moses Rowel
Barns Morrill
James Cheney
David Davison
Alexander Kassay
David Colbey
Daniel Cheney
Charles Sargent
John Kinkead
Abraham Page
Stephen Johnson
William Gray
Samuel Dodge
William Pirkinson
Alexander Campbell
Denis Healey
Robert Wallace
——— Plumer?
James Miller
John Stinson
John Karr

Robert Hunter
James McGregore
James Litch
John Archibald
George Moor
William Morison
William Gilmore
William Smith
John Livingston
Daniel McDuffee
Thomas Cristy
Robert MacMurphy
Jacob Bartlett
George Davidson
David Colby
Alexr Clark
Wm Parker
Daniel McNeill
James Vance
Robert Boyd
Robert Boyd, Jr
Jacob Towle
John Wadile
John Alexander
Richard Amerson
William Miltimer
Robt Hopkins
John Nesmith
George Gregg
Isaac Cochran
James Willson
James Eayers
John McDuffee
John Moore
Sam White
Hugh Dunshe?
John Humphrey
Saml Allison

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Londonderry June ye 24th 1776.

To the Honble House of Representatives for the Collony New Hampshire.

Agreable to the Request of the Honble Committee of Safety for this Colony, we have taken pains to go through with the association pappers and we find none who Refuses to sign the same, except the parsons hereafter mentioned, Viz.

Timothy Dawson,
Alexander Nicoles
Joseph Morrison,

Abraham Morrison
William Humphrey,
David Morison,

Samuel Ella,
Doct George Wood,
John Holms Lev^{t} to A. Minute Company,
John Reed
John Moor,
Robert Moor,
James Cochran,
Samuel Clark,
John Stewart. 15.

By order of the Selectmen.

Tho^{s} Taggart } Select. Clerk.

SIGNERS IN LOUDON.

John Glines
Charles Sias
Timothy Tilton
Samuel French
Samuel Cates
William Tilton
Josiah Rins
Stephen Wells?
Thomas Sweat
Benjamin Wille
Thomas Ward
Eliphalet Rawley
Gashom Mathes
Abel French
Moses Merrill?
Ebenzer French
Nathaniel Bachellor
Caleb Pilsbery
John Bradbury
Timothy French
Jonathan Smith
John Sargent
Benjamin Sias
Jonathan Clough
Joseph Magoon
Isaac Morrill
Dudley Swasey
Thomas Magoon, His Mark
Samuel Chamberlain
Jethro Bchelder
Paul Morriel
Ephraim Blunt, Jr
Samuel Morrill
Maston Morrill
Jethro Bachelder, Jr
Daniel Ladd
Thomas Drake
James Gilman Lyford
Moses Rollings
W^{m} Gilman, Jr
Joseph Smith
Roger Stevens
Abraham Bachelder
John Drew
Nathan Bachelder
John Sanborn
Joseph Tilton
Nathaniel Tebbets
Ephraim Blunt
Moses Pillsbury
James Sherburn
William Boynton
Jacob Sherburne
Ellexander Gorden
William Davis
Simeon Taylor
Ezekiel Morrill
George Sherburne
Levi Bachelder
Abihail Chamberlain
Isaiah Hanery?
Samuel Chamberlain
John Hoit
Daniel Bachelder
Moses Ordway
Joseph Moulton
Oliver Blazdel
Jacob Towle
Otis Gray? 69.

Loudon June 3^{d} 1776

Agreeabel to within Instrument, wharas we haf carried this Instrument to the Inhabitants of Loudon thay haf all signed Savin one or two that lived very much out of the way.

Nathan Bachelder
John Doene
Samuel Chamberlain
} Select men Loudon

SIGNERS IN MEREDITH.

Ebenezer Smith
John Folsham
Nicholas Car Folsham
John Kimbel
John Whitcher
Philip Connor
Abraham Swain
Joseph Roberds
Abraham Folsom
Joshua Crocket
Jonathan Smith
William Mead
Jonathan Danford
David Watson
Pearson Smith
Nathaniel Robinson
James M^{c}Crilles
Reuben Marston Jr
Georg Bean
Job Judkins
Samuel Sibley
Jonathan Edgerly
Jonathan Clark
Samuel Shepard
Sam^{l} Forrey?
Robert Bryant
Gideon Robinson
John Mead
Samuel Carr
Ebenezer Pitman
Benjamin Sinclar
Gordon Lawrence
Thomas Dockam
Benjamin Mead
John Dockham
Onesiphorus Flanders
Elias Swain
Reuben Marston
Thomas Sinclear
Isaac Farrin
James Quimby
Chas Robinson
Thomas Foster
Jonathan Crosbe
John Sweasy, Jr.
Benjamin Sweazye
Thomas frohock?
Daniel Merrill 48.

SIGNERS IN MANADNOCK NO. 5 (now Marlborough.)

Benj^{a} Tucker
Jonathan Frost
Thos Riggs
Abijah Tucker
Eliph^{a} Stone
Benoni Robbins
Phineas Park?
Silas Fifer
David Wheeler
John Felton
Richard Tozer
Daniel Emerson
Daniel Goodenow
Thaddues Hastings
Reuben Warde
Elnathan Newton
Abel Woodard
Benjamin Goodenow
Bennedick Webber
Samuel Bishop
John M^{c}Crie
Daniel Collins
Joseph Cutting
James Lewes
Joseph Collins
James Field
Isaac M^{c}Allester
Timothy Beemis
Ebenezer Hixson
John Tozer
Stephen Woodard
Moses Tucker
Oliver Wright
Jonah Harrington
William Adams
Jedediah Tayntor
William Tenny
Richard Robbard
Ebenezer Read
Jas. Brewer
Solomon Woodward
James Flood
David Duper
his
Abraham X Brooks
mark
Jonathan Goodonow
Daniel Cutting
David Thurston
Jacob Sewell
Robart Converse
Theodore Mann
50.

Monadnock No five July ye 9th 1776.

In Obedience to the within Riten we have ofered the same to all our inhabitants and they have all sined excepting those whose names are heare under Riten.

William Barker
Richard Atwell
Jonathan Shaw
Icabord Shaw
Daniel Larrance
5.

Benj^{a} Tucker
Thos Riggs
Eliph^{a} Stone
Selectmen of Monadnock N^{o} five

SIGNERS IN NEW BOSTON.

Robert Hogg
Hugh Ramsey
Elijah Cochran
Alexd^{r} Gregg
Josiah Hileting?
Noah Dodge
Andrew Walker
Nathaniel Cochran
Robert Livingston
Thomas Willson
John Smith
Thomas M^{c}Colom
James Cochran
James Willson
Alexander Willson
William Beard
John Crown
Tobias Butler
Robert Walker
James Gregg, Jr
Alexander Patterson
John M^{c}Millan, Jr.
Robert Patterson, 3
Taylor Little
Archibald McAllster
William M^{c}Neill
Robert Burns
Daniel M^{c}Millan
Arch^{d} M^{c}Millan
Robert Campbell
Josiah M^{c}Neill
William Blair
James Gregg
Benj^{a} Woodberry
Joseph Hesselton
John Davis
Samuel Boyd
John Cochran Jr.
Livermore Langdell
L^{t} William Boyes
Lt W^{m} Livingston
En. Alexander Gregg
Henry Woodberry
Benj^{a} Dodge
James Caldwell
Josiah Warren
Eliphalet Dustin
Robert Patterson Jr.
Jacob Hooper
David Scobey
William M^{c}Neil
Jonathan Gove
John McLaughlin
John M^{c}Laughlin Jr
Robart White
Robart Boid
Daniel M^{c}Allester
John M^{c}Allester
William Kelso
William Campbell
Barnabas M^{c}ginis
Josiah Morgan
Robert McGaw
Tho^{s} Karr
Neniah Cochran
John Carter
Lesley Gregg
Aaron Tally?
Nehemiah Dodge
Solomon Moor--V.D.M.
Alexander Kelso
John Burns
Allen Moor
Daniel Kelso
George Cresty
William Moor
Petter Cochran
John M^{c}Millan
David Handerson
Robert Patterson
John Blear
Mathew Donovan
Samuel Smith
John Steward
William Clark
Jesse Cristy
Ninian Clark
John Gordon
James M^{c}Ferson
Paul M^{c}Ferson
James M^{c}Ferson Jr
Robart Willson
James Doak, Jr
James Willson
John Willson
John M^{c}Intosh
Ruben Smith
Andrew Walker, Jr.
John Donovan
Andrew Yack
John Livingston
Jacob Ober
Thomas Cochran
John Cochran
James Hunter
John Hunter
Daniel M^{c}Neill
Hugh Gregg 108.

New Boston August ye 26, 1776. Gentlemen, agreeable to your Hon^{r} orders we have published this paper and the names of subscribers are as follows:

A true return

Ni^{n} Clark
Daniel Mc.Allister } Selectmen.

SIGNERS IN NEW CASTLE.

Jos. Frost
Geo. Frost Jr.
William Neal
Rich^{d} Yeaton
Sam^{l} Clarke
John Simpson
Henry Prescott
Robert White
Stephen Barton

Matthew Bell
Abraham Trefethen
Paul Randall
Thomas Locke
John Lear
John Treften 3^{d}
Tho^{s} Trundy
Willm Gody
Benjamin Yeaten
Isaac Smith
Stephen Chase, Jr.
Elias Tarlton
Meshack Bell, Jr.
Ephraim Amazeen
James Neal
Sampson Bell
John Card
David Mitchal Jr
Abednego Bell
Joshua White
William Vennard
Nath^{l} Batson
John Tarlton
Meshack Bell 3^{d}
Thomas Bell
Henry Card
John Amazeen
Edward Card
John Treffren, Jr.
Thomas Gondy
Samuel Langmade
Isaac Pridham
John Colleyem
Benj^{a} Bell, Jr
Noah Sherburne
John Odiorne
Samuel Odiorne
Christopher Amazeen
Stephen Laury
Henry Langmaid
Willson Trundy
Edward White
Abra. Trefethen, Jr
Robert Martin
his
Henry X Foss
mark
William Tredick
John Seavey
William Jones
57.

The Names of those who have Refused to Signe the within paper

Stephen Batson
Rich^{d} Yeaton, Jr. a soldier
John Kanear
William Clark. 4.

SIGNERS IN NEWINGTON.

True Sons of Liberty.

Rich^{d} Downing
Sam^{el} Shackford
John Nutter
Rich^{d} Downing, Jr
Bartholomew Downing
Josiah Downing
Henry Hart
Thomas Trickey
John Hart
Nicholas Pickern
Ephraim Pickering
John Benson
Nathaniel Hart
John Stoodly
Jonthon Hoyt
John Gee Pickreing
Thomas Pickreing
Hatevil Nutter
James Stoodly
Joseph Nutter
James Colman
Hutson Peavey
Joseph Adams
John Pickreng
Timothy Dame
Jethro Furber
Ezekiel Gil Adams
Phineas Coleman Jr
Jonathan Trickey
Joseph Dame
Eliphelet Dame
John Trickey
Joseph Hight
Joseph Colbath
Samuel Fabbyan
Joshua Nutter
Hatevil Nutter
John Hodgeton Jr
George Laighton
Joseph Colman
Anthony Vincent
Levi Furbur
Nehemiah Furbur
John Hodgdon
Issachar Dame
Samuel Shackford, Jr
William Furbur
Phinehas Coleman
John Dame
Edward Brassbridge
John Coleman
John Hoyt
James Nutter
D——? Bickford
Thomas Pinder
Nathan Huntriss
Christopher Huntress
Isaachar Wiggin
Mark Miller
Benjamin Hodgsdon
John Fabyan
Benjamin Pickering
Benjamin Miller
Ichabod Bickford
Joel Leighton
Christopher Nutter
Nelson Downing Nutter
Joseph Huntress
Samuel Rawlings

William Huntress
James Pickering
Rich^{d} Pickering
Winthrop Pickering
James Nutter
Paul Rawling
Joseph Rawling
John Downing
Samuel Fabyan, Jr. 67.

Gent^{n} agreeable to the within notified all persons as ordered and desired *'ym* to sign, 3.

And *Capt Joseph Pattinson*, *Benj^{a} Adams Esq^{r} Noah Rawlings*, denyd signing

Attest,
Samuel Shackford
Jethro Furber
Tim^{y} Dame
} Selectmen.

Attest,
Samuel Fabyan
Richard Downing
Samuel Shackford
John Nutter
Eph. Pickering
} Committee of Correspondence.

Committee of Safety of ye Colony of N. Hamp^{r}

N. B. This paper stood up at the meeting house door three Sabbaths.

SIGNERS IN NEW MARKET.

John Perkins
Tho^{s} Tash
Sam. Baker
Sam^{l} Gilman
Benj. Mead
John Mason
William Shriggens
John Tash
Jonathan Robinson
Joseph Sanborn
Joseph Smith
Walter Bryent, Jr
Jacob Brown
John Waston
Josiah Burnham
Joshua Brackett
Nicholas Hartford
Samuel Burleigh
John Folsom
Thomas Bennett
Ich^{d} Brackett
Tho. Churchill
Zebulon Doe, Jr
Joseph Young, Jr
And^{w} Bowman
Asa Wiggins
John Cooke
Jonathan Doe
Jonathan S Dudley
David Chapman
Robert Jackson
Samuel Ward
Benjamin Stevens
Lewis Kennison
David Folsom
Edward Smith
Edward Hilton Jr.
John Young
Job Sawey?
Simeon Folsom
Morgan Connor
Walter Bryent
Josiah Adams
John Meder
Jeremy. Bryent
Nathaniel Ewer
Jeremiah Foss
William Renton
Levi Folsom
John Mead
Nath^{l} Gilman
Levi Pickering
Jacob Burley
John Bennet, Jr.
John Bennet
Cotton Bennet
Josiah Bennet
Arthur Bennett
John Folsom
James Goodwin
Robert Goodwin
Zebulon Dudee
Jonathan Wigen
David Wiggin
Benjamin Stephens
Peter Drowne
Ruben Doe
John Weeks
Bradstreet Doe
Josh. Clark
Wentworth Cheswill
Zebulon Doe 3^{d}
Joseph Folsom
Enoch Stevens
Jonathan Colcord
Joseph Colcord
Walter Neal
Gideon Colcord

Josiah Colcord
Jacob Thomson
Joseph Wiggin
Joseph Doe
Edmund Chase
Hubartus Neal
Hubartus Neal, Jr.
Nat Ames
Winthrop Smith
Andrew Folsom
William Folsom Jr
Samuel Chapman
Jeremiah Folsom
Joseph Joy
Thomas Kenson
Aron Kinstone
James Cram
Winthrop Hilton
Ichabod Hilton
Benja $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Piner
Wm Cario
Benja Folsom
Daniel Hilton
Jacob Fowler
David Smart
Charles Smart Jr
Bening Brackett
Philip Fowler
Charles Smarte
Frances Durgan
Frances Durgain, Jr
Enoch Remick
Chas Wiggin
Moses Edgerley
James Hill
John Burleigh
Joseph Chapman
Abraham Parsons
James Dearborn
Robart Barber
Thomas Hanaford
Peter Folsom
Nelson Barber
Josiah Hall Bartlett
Robart Barber, Jr.
Andrew Gilman
John Bean
Jonathan Sanborn
John Wedgwood
Josah Burley
Nicholas Doe
John Doe
Joseph Meloon
Samuel Meloon
Jacob Durgan
Asa Folsom
William Burley
Joseph Gilman
Josiah Hilton
Wm Foulsom
Joseph Smith
Roberts Pike
James Gilman
Nicholas Harsey
Samuel Neal
Samuel Dyer
John Ames
Bradst Gilman
Edward Colcord
Nat Ames. Jr.
Eliphalet Peas
Simonds Fowler
Nathel Peas
Joseph Bean
Saml Peas
Joseph Peas
Moses Perkins
Nicholas Doe, Jr.
John Moody
Moses Burley
Benjamin ——— ?
William Burley, Jr.
Edward Folsom
John Bartlett
John Perkins
Jonathan Folsom—164.

Pursuant to the within orders we do hereby Return the Following Persons Names that Refuse to sign the within Declaration.

Stephen Hardy
Stephen Thurston
Nathan Preson
Jacob Parsons
William Badger
Walter Shute
Joshua Wiggin
William Perkins
John Mighels
Isaac Marston
John Marston
Samuel Mighels
Samuel Mighels Jr
Josiah Mighels
Samuel Gilman
Nathaniel Rogers
John Neal
Michael Shute
Willm Shute
Doct. John Marster
Anthony Pickering
Henry Wiggin
William Odiorne
Roger Racklyft
Richard Perkins
George Hart
Zebulon Neal
Jonathan Kinnison
Samuel Smart
Josiah Smart

Jacob Ames
Stephen Lyford
Elisha Thomas
Benjamin Pease
Peter Hearsay
Thomas Piper
John Shute
Nathl Lorde 38.

New Market July 12th 1776.

Saml Gilman }
James Cram } Select men
Samll Baker }

SIGNERS IN NORTH HAMPTON.

Isaac Jenness
John Brown
Joseph Hobbs
Benj. Hobbs
Abner Fogg
Seth Fogg
Samuel Wedgwood
Benjamin Philbrick
Jeremy Page
Thomas Cotton
Tristram Rodman
Jonathan Knowles
Jacob Brown
Moris Lamprey
Benjamin Brown
Thomas Cotton
John Lamprey
Reuben Dearborn
Levi Dearborn
Abraham Drake
John Wingate
John Dearborn
David Marston
Christopher Smith
Caleb Marston
Simon Lamprel
Saml Mace
Abner Fogg
Josiah Batchelder
Joshua Hains
William Godfree
Zaccariah Towl Jr.
Thomas Hobbs
Thomas Marston
Samuel Dearborn
Daniel Dow
William Weeks
Joseph Dearborn
John Lovering.
Ebenr Lovering
John Potter. [Jr
Reuben Gove Dearborn
Joshua Brown, Jr.
Joseph Palmer
Samuel Davis
John Weeks
Benjamin Palmer
Josiah Dalton
Nathaniel Hans
Ebenr Tilton
John Chase
Abraham Drake, Jr.
James Wedgwood
Joseph Knowles
Ebenr Sanborn
Edward Shaw
Ruben Dearborn
John Taylor
Benjamin Lamprey
Jonathan Wedgwood
Ebenezer Neal
John Leavitt
Henry Batchelder
Zachr Towle
James Godfrey
John Robie
Timothy Dalton
Benjamin Marston, Jr.
Simon Brown
Benjamin Leavitt
Frances Page
Jermiah Dearborn
David Knowles
Moses Leavitt
Samuel Hardy
Stephen Page
David Page, Jr.
Josiah Dearborn
Samuel Fogg.
Joseph Taylor
Thomas Leavitt
Nathaniel Batchelder
Abraham Taylor
Joseph Moulton
Joseph Moulton, Jr.
Benj. Hobbs
James Batchelder
John Marston
Samuel Batchelder
Morris Hobbs
Dnl Dearborn
Benja Mason
James Nudd
Simon D. Lovering
Reuben Gove Dearborn
Thomas Sanborn
Daniel Sanborn
Stephen Shaw
William Sanborn
Samuel Chapman
Simeon Marston
Zaceriah Batchelder
Henry Batchelder
Joseph Garland
Samuel Batchelder
Nathaniel Hobbs
Samuel Page
Samuel Robie
Phinehas Dearborn
Samuel Smith
Isaac Marston
John Nudd
Simon Page
Jon. Page
David Page
Eben Lovering.

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The Colony of New Hampshire.

North Hampton June 7th 1776.

To the Honourbl Comittee of Safety, according to the within order of yours we have Procured all the names of our Parish according as your Honours Desired as is attested by us.

Abraham Drake } Selectmen
David Marston } of
Christopher Smith } North Hampton

SIGNERS IN NORTHWOOD.

Joseph Demeret, Capt of the Parish.
Eliphalet Taylor
Joshua Furbur
Daniel Hoit
John Durgin
William Wollais
Increas Batchelder
Israel Hodgdon
Moses Godfree
Abraham Batchelder
William Blake
Daves Batchelder
Thomas Truland
Richard Garland
Benj. Johnson
Nathaniel Twombly
Elijah Carswell
Richard Carswell
Stephen Rawlians
Jonathan Knolton
Jonathan Clark
Benjamin Wadleigh
Sharborn Dearborn
Zabulen Norris
Nathaniel Chandler
Jonathan Sanborn
Elias Philbrick
John Wadleigh
Thomas Piper
Francis James
John Sherburne
Samuel Sherburn
Reuben Morgin
Sherburn Blake
Jonathan Blake
Levi Dearborn
Asahel Blake
Henry Sanborn
Henary Dearborn
Phinehas Blake
Nicolas Blake
Simon Wadleigh
Robert Hill
David Knowles
Benj. Hill
Valentine Kinson
William Prescott
Moses Johnson
Samll Johnson
Solomon Bickford
Caleb Clough
Morris Lamprey
Nathaniel Morril, Jun.
Nathl Morrill
John Bickford
Samuel Bartlet
Stephen Hoit
Benjamin Jonson, Jr
Timothy Caswell
John Batchelder
Joseph Durgin
Thomas Knowlton. 61.

Daniel Sawyer Refuses to sine this making plees that he is of a quaker Princabel. 1.

SIGNERS IN NOTTINGHAM.

J. Mills
Benjamin Butler
Joseph Morrill
Josiah Clark
Thomas Healey?
Frances Kenston
Joseph Cilley
Jonathan Davis
Benjamin Shaw
Ephraim Durgin
Thomas Bartlet
Alexander Lucy
Henry Butler
Vowel Leathers
Abner Clough
Cutten Cilley
William Gill
John Harvey
Rice Rowell
John Wells
Ziphaniah Butler
John Ford
Joseph Jackson
Quick Preast
John Brown
Volintine Hill
Samuel Gray
Mason Rendel
Daniel Demis
Jacob Burnam

John Bickford
William Welch
Thomas Bickford
Robert Davis
John Wille
Samuel Burnam
James Glass
Samuel Daniels
Nathaniel Hale
Jonathan Willey
Samuel Scails?
Abraham Knight
John Giles
Aaron Hayes
Gideon Straw
Israel Randel
Will^{m} Cloys?
John M^{c}Crilles
Rob. Evans
Asa Guile
Nathaniel Randel
Samuel Brasa
Charles M^{c}Coy
Frances Trickey
Hezekiah Randel
Edward Foote
Thomas Whitehorn
John Whitehorn
Paul Gerrish
John Shaw, Jr.
Thomas George
And^{w} Simpsone
Benjamin Stokes
Charles Furnil
Ham. Libbey
Joseph Robinson
Moses Davis
Daniel Young
Joshua Trickey
Joseph Whittier
Joseph Hodgdon
Simeon Ladd
Jonathan Foss
Enoch Page
Joseph Garman
John Nealley
Jonathan Gove
Abednego Leathers
Benj^{a} Winslow
Ichabod Row
John Hutcherson
John Gile
John Chesle
John Nelley, Jr
Joshua Stearns
William Nelley
Thomas Odel
Robert Morrison
James Kelsey
John Shaw
Nicholas Leathers
Jonathan Langley
Abel Leathers
Thomas M^{c}Connelly
Benjamin Jackson
Solmon Davis
Abner Davis
Nicholes Brown
Sawyer Chesle
John Kesear
John Collet
Jonathan Rollings
John Hany
Winthrop Colbath
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State of New Hampshire } Pursuant to the within Precept we have Presented this Covenant to the Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham and the Parsons that Refuse to sign it are on a Seperate Paper

August 16th 1776.
VOWEL LEATHERS } Select
THO^{s} BARTLET } men.

A List of the men in the Town of Nottingham that Refuse to Sign the Covenant sent to the Select men by the Committee of Safety in Aprill Last, viz.

*Abraham Scails
Philip Bartlet
*Nathaniel Goodhu
Noah Barker
John Shepard
*John Banfill
*Joseph Nealley
*John Bartlet
*Thomas Hines
Thomas Foss
Frances Harvey
Frances Harvey. Jr
*Eldad Langley
Moses Davis
Edmund Hodgdon
Samuel Gove
*John Watson
*James Watson
Nathan Watson
Josiah Watson
*Benj^{a} Watson
Benj^{a} Whitcher
Daniel Rogers Esq.
James Bean
James Thurston
25.

Nottingham August 16th 1776.

VOWEL LEATHERS } Select
THOs BARTLET } men.

N. B. Them with this marke * Have advanced money for to Hire Men to go to Crown Point.

SIGNERS IN NOTTINGHAM WEST (now Hudson.)

Asahel Blodget
Asa Davis
David Cumings
Jno Caldwell
Daniel Wyman
James Caldwell
Alexander Caldwell
James Caldwell, Jr
Samuel Caldwell
William Merrill
James Ford
Abra Page
Seth Wyman
John Hazeltine, Jr
Henry Huey
Jonathan Bradley
John Haseltine
Samuel Smith
Ichabod Esman
Edward Farmer?
Timothy Emerson
Robert Stuart
Samuel Wason
Jona Searls
Moses Barret
Joseph Caldwell
Thomas Caldwell
Eliphalet Hadley
Thomas Wason
Eliphalet Hadley, Jr.
Moses Hadley
Parit Hadley
Stephen Hadley
John Campbell
Thos Searls
David Glover
Nicholas Eastman
Page Smith
John Strickland
Timothy Emerson
Joseph Watson
Joseph Gould
Samuel Moor
Stephen Chase
Jonathan Bloget
Samuel Burbank
Samuel Burbank, Jr
Amos Kinney
Nathl Hardy
Timothy Smith
Amos Pollard
Richd Cutter
Nathel Lewes
Sanders Bradbury
Samuel Marsh
Benja Marshall
Eleazar Cumings
Ebenezar Cumings
Daniel Hardy
Samuel Hills
Philip Hills
Seth Hadley
Simeon Barret
Isaac Barret
Oliver Hills
Richard Hardy
Joseph Pollard
Jeremiah Hills
William Hills
Richard Marshall
Thomas Marsh
Elijah Hills
Thomas Hills
Ezekiel Hills
Peter Cross
William Burns
Nathnl Merrill Jr
Isaac Merril
Samuel Durent
John Merril
Abel Merril
Justus Dakin
Samuel Polled
Joshua Chase
Stephen Gouch
Stephen Lowel Jr
Benja Whitemore
Moses Johnson
Nathl Merril
Samuel French
George Burns, Jr.
Saml Greele
Saml Greele, Jr.
Joseph Blodget
Joseph Winn
Joseph Winn, Jr.
Ebenezer Polord
Jirmiah Plaget
Timothy Polard
Abiethar Winn
Jonathan Hardy, Jr
Ezekiel Chase
John Walker
John Polard
Nathel Merril, Jr
Stephen Chase, Jr
John Pollard, Jr
Samuel Burbank
George Burns
Ebenezer Dakin
Levi Daken
Henry Hale, Jr
Henery Hale
John Hale
Audrew Swasy?
James Wason
David Tarble?
Thos Hamblet

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In Obedience to the within Request we have Desired all the Persons Present therein to Signe, & find none to Refuse Except *Capt Joseph Killy.* 1.

Dated at Nottingham west
this 3^{d} day of June, AD. 1776.

SAMUEL MARSH
JNO CALDWELL
WILLIAM BURNS
} Selectmen of Nottingham West

SIGNERS IN PACKERSFIELD (now Nelson).

Aaron Beel
Absolom Fairwil
William Beal
Joseph Mason
Richard Farwell
Amos Skinner
Nath^{l} Breed
Abijah Brown
Joel Wight
William Follet
Timothy Farley
James Bancroft
Joseph Stanhope
Eleazer Twitchell
John Spinney
Beniamen Nurs
John French
John Newhall
Philip Bailash
John Adams
James Phillips
Jonathan Nichols
Henry Bemies
John Estabrook
Benimin Nurs: Jr
Amos Child
John Farwell
Thomas Upham
Nathanael Breed, Jr.
Jonathan Felt
Noah Day
Bunker Clark
David Marshall
Edmunds Taylor
his
Samuel X Everit
mark
John Morse
Reuben Wellman
John Stroud 38.

In obedience to your Honners we Have faithfully Dischard the Duty Requested Desiring Each man To sine this Covenant within our Liments all which Have sind except *Mager Breed Batchellor* 1.

Selectmen of Packerfield {
JOSEPH STANHOPE
JOHN SPINNEY
ELEAZER TWITCHEL

SIGNERS IN PEMBROOKE.

Will^{m} Cochran
Sam^{l} Daniell
David Abbot
William Carlton
Job Abbot
Nath^{l} Ambrose
Thomas Cunningham
David Lovejoy
Chandler Lovejoy
Sam^{l} Abbot Jr
Benj^{a} Whittemore
Benjamin Holt
James Head
Nath. Head
Richard Head
Samuel Lakman
Nathaniel Lakeman
Nathaniel Lakeman, Jr
Josiah Hagget
Joshua Phelps
Samuel Smith
John Lad
John Cochran, Jr.
William Fife
Francis Doyne
John Fife
Robt Simpson
Joseph Simpson
James Fife
Nath^{l} Head
John Head
Lovewell Baker
Joseph Baker
Thomas Baker
John White
William Bard

Elias Whittemore
Samuel Abbot
Moses Tyler
Nathan Holt
Mikel Kimball
Jereh. Wardwell
Joshua Tyler
James Robinson
David Frye
William Martin
Edward Smith
John Carlton
John Knox
Lemuel Stickney
Asa Foster
Joseph Swett
Samuel Kimball
Caleb Foster
Moses Foster
John Ayer
Stephen Bartlet
Sam^{ll} Jennes
Joseph Parker
Jeremiah Morgan
Nath^{l} Gilman
Peter Gilman, Jr
Benj^{a} Piper
Aaron Whittemore
Daniel Noyes
Asa Foster
David Kimball
Richard Bartlet
Joseph Emery, Jr
Ambrose Goold
John Moor
Dean Merrill
Thomas Morse
Joshua Kimball
Isaac White
William Kimball
Jonathan Eliot
Thos. Robertson
James Knox
John Sanders
Moses M^{c}Connell
Robart Stinson
Robert Moor
Jacob Doyne
Ichabod Robie
James Robertson
Sam^{ll} Kelley
Will^{m} Frier
James Cochran, Jr.
Jonathan Bartlet
Nehemiah M^{c}Daniel
Robert M^{c}Daniel
James Martin
John Cochran
John M^{c}Daniel
Peter Robenson
Ezekiel Gilman
Leut. James Coffrin
John Moor
Will^{m} Knox
Solomon Whitehouse
Penprat(?) Whitehouse
Joseph Cochran
Caleb Lovejoy, Jr
Caleb Lovejoy
William Man
Nathan Waite
Samuel Man
John Man
Samuel Noyes
James Cochran 3^{d}
Richard Bryant
William Martin Jun
Samuel Connor
Fog? Holt
John Knox, Jr
James Man
Samuel Gault
Phedris M^{c}Cuthe
Andrew Gault
Joseph Hemphill
John Cullimore
Jacob Emery
Levi Cater
John Connor
David Conner
Danieal M^{c}Lucas
Gideon Piper
Timothy Knox 129.

Colony of New Hampshire, Sept 18th 1776.

To Honourable Committee of Safety.

In Compliance with the within order we have Requested all the males as Directed, and the names under written are all within our Precints that have Neglected to subscribe the within Declaration viz:

Rev'd Daniel Mitchel
Capt Benj. Norris
Capt Sam^{l} M^{c} Connel
Dea. John Man
Sam^{l} Parker
Will^{m} Robertson
And^{w} Robertson
James Cunningham
Zebelon Robinson

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DAVID ABBOT }
WILL^{m} COCHRAN } Select men
SAM^{l} DANIELL }

SIGNERS IN PETERBOROUGH.

Neal Hammell
Thomas Morison
Thomas Cuningham
James Templeton
Thomas Davidson
Samuel Miller Jr
William M^{c}Nee, Jr.
James Cuningham
Alexander Stewart
Aaron Brown
Sam. Mitchel
Charles White
William Swan
Sam^{ll} Houston
W^{m} White
John White
William White
David White
Samuel Miller Jr
James Richey
William M^{c}Nee
John Scott
William Smith
William McCay
James Robbe
Joseph Hammell
Jonathan Whellock
John Gragg, Jr
Robert Smith
John Smith
Moses Cunningham
William MacKeen
John White Jr
L W? Moore
William Robbe
William Miller
Sam^{l} Mitchel
John Youngg
Abraham Holms
Jn^{o} Mitchel
David Steel
Isaiah Taylor
Charles Stuart
Samuel Gregg
William Spear
Kalso Gray
Matthew Templeton
William Scott
Thomas Steel
James Taggart
Elijah Puffer
Dan'l Mack
Samuel Miller Jr
Alexander Robbe
Sam^{ll} Flagg
Samuel M^{c}Alester
Robert Gray
Jn^{o} Butler
Isaac Mitchell
Thomas Stuart
John Blair
John Teggeat
James Hockley
William Moore
John M^{c}Murphy
Rob^{t} Morrison
Thomas Turner
John Smith
John Morrison
Tho^{s} Morrison, Jr.
Joth^{t} Blanchard
Sam^{l} Cuningham
Robert Willson
John Gregg
Timothy Miner
Hugh Willson
Sam. Willson
James Willson
John Willson
John White
Benj^{a} Mitchel
David Ames
Adams Gragg
Richard Burke Piercy Doctor of the 29 Regiment a foot 84.

Peterborough, June 17th 1776. Pursuant to the Within Request the Inhabitants of the said Town of Peterb^{o} Hath Subscribed their names to the within Resolves of the Continental Congress—

JAMES TEMPLETON
SAM^{l} CUNINGHAM } Selectmen.
WILLIAM M^{c}NEE

SIGNERS IN DORCHESTER & PIERMONT.

[Dorchester names are not given.]

INHABITANTS IN PIERMONT

John Richards
Thomas Gregg
John McCorniel
David Tyler
Ebenezer Tyler
Jonathan Tyler
David ——— ?
John Sawyer
Enos Sawyer
David Tyler, Jr
Frances Trenton
Andrew Crook
John Patterson
Uriah Stone
Bunger Medcalf

Benj. Stone
Ephraim Patterson
Abner Chandler
Solomon Bailey
Isaac Patterson
Benj^{a} Patterson Esq
Jones? Case
Thomas Davis, Jr
Noah Foord
Jonathan Chandler
Joseph Webb
Daniel Tyler
Thomas Crook
Seth Foord
Ephraim Root
Charles Crook
Azariah Webb
Thomas Davis
John Weed
Charles Webb
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All the Inhabitants of age according to ye within Direction have signed Except those that are in ye Continental Congress—

Test
JOHN PATTERSON
JOHN WEED
JOSEPH WEBB
JONATHAN CHANDLER
Com^{tee}

SIGNERS IN PORTSMOUTH.

Meshech Weare
Nath^{l} Folsom
E. Thompson
Step^{n} Evans
Pierse Long
P. White
John Dudley
H. Wentworth
Tho^{s} Hart
Will^{m} Pearne
George King
Geo. Turner
Geo. Wentworth
Supply Clap.
John Langdon
Joseph Bass
Josh. Wentworth
John Penhallow
Sam^{l} Penhallow
William Langdon
John Furnald
Joseph Simes
George Gains
Mark Seavey
Joseph Pitman
Thomas Gains
Joseph Akerman
Josiah $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Savage
Benj^{a} $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Quint
George Ham
Benj^{a} Akerman
Walter Akarman
Barnet Akarman
John Bartlett
William Parker
Daniel Brewster
Daniel Lunt
William Brewster
Benjamin Welch
Nehemiah Rowell
George Hart
George Hart, Jr
Rendal Furnald
John Sherburne
Nathaniel S Griffith
Thomas Ransom
Jacob Tilton
Joseph Walker
James Hart
Luke Foster
Thomas Sanger
Elisha Hill
Joseph Cotton
Jn^{o} Hart 3^{d}
Samuel Briard
Moses Woodward
Nahum Ward
George Libbey
Sam. Cutts
George Dame
George Massey
James Dwyer
David Call
Th^{o} Martin
Jn^{o} Greenleaf
Mark Nelson
Peter Man
Jam^{s} Gooch
Henry Gardner
Nath^{l} Folsom
Shackford Seaward
Kinsman Peverly
Joseph Seaword
Joseph Ayers
Benj. Bigelow
William Martin
Samuel Walker
James P. Thing
John Gooch
Dan^{l} Fowle
Keith Spence
Charles Banfill
Tim Mountford
Benj. Austin Jr.
Samuel Hill
Mark Fernald
Gilbert Fernald
Jonas Austin
A. M^{c}Intyer
Rob. Robertson
Jos. Allcock
Thomas Moses
Thomas Leigh
John Moffatt
Richard Wilson
Thomas Palmer, Jr.

Tobias Walker
W^{m} Wilson
John Akerman
his
John × Hutchins
mark
Henry Nutter
Hugh Henderson
George Hull
Thomas Thompson
Perkins Ayers
Tobias Warner
John Pike
James Grouard
G. Durriell
Stephen Sumner
Jacob Treadwell
Geo. Dorg
W^{m} Walker
Nath^{l} Treadwell, Jr
James Haslett
Theodore Moses
Sam^{l} Moses
Charles Treadwell
W. E. Treadwell
Charles Waters
Sam^{l} Bowles
John Clarke
Robert Hart
Cotton Mathers Stevens
John Demett
George Waten
Temple Knight
Clem^{t} Jackson
Daniel Grant
John Davenport
Samuel Service
Sam^{l} Hutchings
Joseph Jackson
George King, Jr
W^{m} Knight
W^{m} Gardner
Phillip Pendexter
George Homans
Nath^{l} Sherburne
Will^{m} Stanwood
William Gunnison
David Macclure
John Noble
Dan^{l} Pierce
Moses Ross
Joseph Low
Alexander Greenlow
Jacob Sheafe, Sen
Sam Sherburne
William Marshall
James Swett
D. Sherburne
Nath. Treadwell
Preson? Danel
Edw^{d} Sherburn
Jonathan Ayers
Rich^{d} Mills
Jacob Mills
Jon^{a} Shillaber
Joseph Shillaber
William Ham, Jr.
John Reed
his
John × Markmahawn
mark
J. Whipple
Hall Jackson
Henry Seaward
his
Sam^{l} × Lear
mark
W^{m} Appleton
John Gregory
George Jackson
Stephen Meeds
Rich^{d} Fitzgerald
Joshua Crosset
Samuel Cate
A. R. Cutter
Abner Blasdel
Eliphalet Daniell
Noah Peirce
Giles Seaward
Gershom Flagg
Samuel Tripe
Rich^{d} Langdon
Rich^{d} Champney
Samuel Sherry
John Page?
Joseph Benson
James Hight
John Hart Jr
Jn^{o} Jackson
Tho^{s} Bowles
Jo. Boyd
Jn^{o} Briard
Nath^{l} Pike
John Ayers
Joshua Pike
Rob^{t} Furniss
Henry Lang
Mark Noble
Benjamin Newmarch
John Marden
James Marden
Sam^{l} Beck
Nath^{l} Pitman
Josiah Leach
Edward Pendexter
Calleb Currier
Timothy Ham
his
Thomas × Currier
mark
Daniel Hart
Joseph Leach
Sam^{l} Jackson
Edmund Davis
Richard Jackson
Joseph Ham
John Tuckerman
Jn^{o} Tuckerman, Jr
Nath^{l} Mondum
John Langdon
R^{d} Hart
his
Edward × Lamprey
mark
Jeremiah Libbey
Benjamin Reed
Jonathan Huntress
his
Thomas × Priest
mark
James Stoodly, Jr
Samuel Ham, Jr.
John × Dury's mark
William Palmer
Joseph × Winkall's
mark
Peter Kennisson
Thomas Mead
David Brewster
George Read
William Welch
Alex. Winn?
John Hooper
Sam^{l} Aris
Edm^{d} Butler
Benj. Partridge
John Collens
Henry Carter
William Vaughan
his
William × White
mark

his
John ✓ Varrel
mark
his
Joseph \ Clark
mark
John White
Edward Ayers
his
Jeremiah X Claney
mark
Edward Lowd
Rich^{d} Harvey
Reuben Snell
Valentine Nutter
Richard Ware
Joseph Weeks
John Beck
George Gehone?
Mich^{ll} Fowler
Clement March
Geo. Marshall, Jr.
James Whiteaker
George Marshall
John Marshall, Sen
John Marshall, Jr
John Williams
Moses Feren
William Richards
John Gunnison
his
William X Gibbs
mark
Rich^{d} Trusdel
Alexander Jones
Joseph Damrell
Daniel Jackson, Jr
James Fall
Gupey Stoodley
John Grant
Richard Kitson
Benj. G. Carter
Joseph Moulton
Sam^{l} Dalling
R. Wibird Penhallow
Richard Talpey Jr
John Lang
John Pierce
Thomas Pierce Jr
John Stavers
Joseph Lowe
Edward Hart
Ezekiel Pitman
Daniel Lang
Sam^{ll} Ham

Nath. Melcher
Eph. Ham
Sam^{l} Drowne
Henry Nutter
Frances Massuerre?
William Adams
John Melcher
James McInter
William Trefethen
James Drisco
Samuel Waterhouse
John Beck Jr.
Thomas Studley
Richard Sharman
John Pitman
Reuben Shapley
Ephraim Bennett
Thomas Manning
Geo: Janvrin
Ebenezer Janvrins
James Arnold
Daniel Jackson
Ezekiel Gunraier?
Leverett Hubbard
Richard Wood
Simeon Akarman
John Wendell
Thomas Clark
Sam^{ll} Waters
his
Hugh X M^{c}bride
mark
John Pickering
Thomas Sherburne
Robart Yeaton
Joseph Brotten
his
Benj. X Brotten
mark
William Hunt
Thomas Hodgson
Sam^{ll} Haven
Sam^{ll} Haven, Jr
Will^{m} Jenkin
Benjamin Chandler
William Partredge
James Melcher
Benj^{a} Mackay
James Shores, Jr
Abiah Holbrook
William White
Nahum Akarman
Nath^{l} Dennet
Henry Sherburne

James Hill
Jeremiah Dennet
Dennis Hight
Benjamin Hodgdon
Daniel Walker
Richard Elliot
his
Tho^{s} X Hayley
mark
Nath^{l} Shannon
Abraham Elliot
Natt Gookin
Benjamin Miller, Jr
Moses Miller
Sam^{ll} Thompson
Mark Walker
Pilancon Colbath?
Jonathan Quint
William Beck
William Thompson
Gideon Walker
Theodore Dame
John Thompson
Nath Jackson, senior
Nathaniel Jackson, Jr
Charles Hodgdon
William Ham
his
Thomas)(Ayers
mark
John Breton
William Peverly
John Dennett
his
Richard X Cutter
mark
his
W^{m} X Abbott
mark
Tho. Bickford
Henry Bickford
James Shores
Daniel Davis
William Walden
John Walden
Thomas Walden
his
Thomas X Pillar
mark
John Davis
W^{m} Blunt
Samuel Slade
Timothy Watson
his
W^{m} X Shores
mark

John Frost
John Lord
Nathan White
Richd Evans
Peter Shores, Jr
James Clarkson
Obdeir Marshall
Peter Shores
Nathaniel Lear
James Ryan
John Shouers
Peter Ball
Andrew Sherburn
Richard $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Monson
Richard White
Michael Frost
Amos Abbet
Wm Gale
Thomas Sherburne, Jr
William Cotton
Robert Neall
Joseph Leigh
William Furnell
Wm Cotton, Jr.
Samuel Ball, Jr
Nathl Muchamore
Sam. Langdon
Joseph Langdon
Leader Neson
John Langdon
Samuel Beck
Nathl Lang
Andrew Beck
John Sherburne
James Moses
Nadab Moses
John Melcher
Benja Lear
Samuel Larey?
Joseph Tucker
A. Pepperrill
Samll Langdon, Jr.
Joseph Whidden
John Seveay
Nathaniel Cotton
Richard Tarlton
James Tarlton Jr
Wm $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Cate, Jr
John Norton
Mark Lang
Thomas Seavey
Samuel White Cate
Tho Marden
John Gardner
Geo. $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Waldon
John $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\&}}$ Lang
John $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\dagger\dagger}}$ Savage
William Nelson
Caleb Brewster
Phinehas Hodgdon
Charles Randlett
Geo. Ayers
Thom. Ayers
Samuel Whidden
John $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Leina
Jeremiah $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Homes
Joseph $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Norris
George Sherburne
John Banfill
Joseph Banfill
Thomas Cotton
Samll Oakes
Tobias Banfill
Samuel Norris
Josiah Haines
Robert Holmes
James Frisbee
James Jones
David Swett
Enoch Huntress
Israel Marden
Tobias Lear
Jona Swett
Zebn Wiggin
Moses Brewster
Sam $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Ham
William Sherburne
Samuel Ball
Joshua Jones
John Moses
Wm Homes
James Jones
Aaron Moses
John Lewis
Elias Tarlton
John Leweis
Sam. Hall
Danll Evans
John Hooker
Joseph $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Shaw
Nathaniel Sherburne
William Parker
Jno Parker
Michael Whidden
Josiah Clark
John Wheelwright
Joshua Brackett
John Seaward
Matthew Haslett
Thos Peirce
William Yeaton
J. Sheafe Jr
Paul Leighton
Richard Dolly?
Joseph Holbrook 509.

List of persons taken up in Portsmo as being notoriously disaffected to the Common Cause—Viz—

Isaac Rindge
William Hart
Peter Pearse
Hugh Henderson
Robert Robertson

John Peirce
William Torrey
Stephen Little
Oliver Whipple
Thomas Armet
James Sheafe
John Stavers
Jonathan Warner
Nath^{l} *Treadwell*
James Hickey 15.

Pursuant to An Order to us directed, by the Committee of Safety of this State, We have waited on every person in this Town, and have tendered them the Association for signing, and do herewith Return the said Association, and the Names of those who have Refused to sign the Same. Viz^{t}

Noah Parker
Isaac Rindge
Stephen Weeks
Chase Freeze
Joseph Stacy Hastings
Theodore Atkinson
James Sheafe
Stephen Little
William Torrey
William Hart
Maj. Sam. Hale
Cotton Palmer
John Peirce [merch^{t}]
Moses Noble
John Eliot
John Moore
Thomas Aermet
Alford Buttler
Eleazer Russell
Sam^{l} *Gardner*
George Jaffrey
Mark H. Wentworth
Dan. Warner
Jon^{a} *Warner*
John Sherburne
Sam. Waters, Jr
John Campbell
Richard Tucker
Giles Pickett 31.

Daniel Rogers. Absent at Nottingham
Peter Pearse d^{o} at Newington

State of New Hamp, Portsm^{o} 14th Aug. 1776.

By order of the Com^{tee} H. Wentworth, Chairman.

Joseph Simes
Geo. Gains
William Langdon } Select men

SIGNERS IN RABY (now Brookline).

George Russell
James Badger
Benjamin Muzzy
Randel M^{c}Donell
James Dickey
Nathell Patten
Lamson Farnsworth
Wi^{ll} Hall

Denet Shaw, Jr
Eason Dix
Moses Lowell
Phinehas Aken
Nath^{l} Badger
James Campbell
James Rallf
Swallow Tucker

Samuel Russell
George Woodward
James M^{c}intosh
Mathew Waless
Robert Sever
Isaac Shattuck
William Spaulding
23.

In Obedience to the Above Presept we have Taken the Count and our men have sined it all.

We the Subscribers

ALEX^{r} M^{c}INTOSH
BENJ. SHEATTUCK } Selectmen
CLARK BROWN

SIGNERS IN RICHMOND.

Constant Barney
Jeremiah Thayer
Abraham Barrus
Nathaniel Whipple
Barnabas Thrusher
Israel Whipple
Oliver Barrows
John Danly
Isaac Benson
Daniel Read
Daniel Greens
John Scott
Michael Barrus
Alles Thayer
John Gansey
Jeremiah Thayer Jr
Ichabod Whipple
Dan Freeman
David Barney
Benjamin Thrusher
Ebenezer Barrus
Abraham Barrus, Jr
Timothy Robinson
Nehemiah Thayer
Dan Whipple
Othniel Day
Moses Tyler
Solomon Artherton
Azariah Comstock, Jr
Francis Norwood, Jr

Joseph Cass
Ebenezer Ornsbe
Reuben Parker
John Robinson
Peter Holbroock
Nathan Wodley
John Barrus
Joseph Kazey
James Kingsley
Amos Garnsey
Rufus Whipple
Jonathan Aretterton
Oliver Garnsey
Timothy Thomson
Ezra Ormsbee
James Westcott
Solomon aldrich
Eli Page
William Goddard
Henry Ingalls
Amos Hix
Jonathan Bozard
David Sheurman
Abner Aldrich Jr.
Simpson Hammond
Samoel Hix
Ephrm. Hix
Edmund Ingalls
Matturean Ballou
Richard Peters

Ebenezer Peters
Elezer Martin
Isrill Peters
John Woolley
Ebenezer Cole
Samuel Carpenter
Jonathan Jillson
John Elles
David Cass
Oliver Capron
Azariah Comstock
Seth Ballou
Moses Comstock
Ezra Day
Stephen Kempton
Jeremiah Bullock
Oliver Hix
Abiel Knap
Thomas Woolley
David Hix
Barnard Hix
Jacob Mump
Josiah Streaton
William Aldrich
Jonah Twitchel
Ephram Taft
Silas Taft
Abraham Man
Isquire Whipple
Grindel Thayer

Frances Norwood
John Cass
Oliver Ormsbe
James Tilson
Joseph Cass, Jr
Daniel Cass
Daniel Cass, Jr
James Ranan
Gideon Man
Ezra Alen
Moses Alen
Joseph Alen
Jiedidah Buffum
Nathan Harkness
Jonathan Thurber
William Gerney
Nathan Bullock
Anthony Harris
Nathaniel Tuft
Abraham Randul
Ase Man
John Cass
Semson Thayer
Jonathan Bools
Joseph Newel
John Martem
Gorge Martem
Robart Works
Thomas Craim
David Russel
Moses Marten
Peter Marten
John Marten, Jr
William Cook
Luke Cass
Richard Peters, Jr
Noah Curtis
Samuel Curtis
Amriah Curtis
Annaiah Aldrich
Abner Aldrich
Tribe Aldrich
Oliver Mason
Gorge Cook
Nathan Aldrich
Peter Aldrich
Uriah Harres
Artemis Aldrich
Enoch White
Paul Handy
Holab Smith
Aaron Aldrich
Thomas Boen
Joseph Wing
John Wing
Jonathan Gaskill
John Sprague
Israel Philips
Thomas Horton
Silas Gaskill
Paul Boyce
James Below
Silas Below
Hezekiah Thurber
Jonathan Sweet
Daniel Peters 156.

August 30th AD. 1776—

DANIEL READ } Select
JOHN DANLY } men

Richmond June the 27th 1776.

To the Hon.ble Provencil Congress

these do Certify the Reason Why we the Subscribers do not Sine the Resolutions of the Congress in taking up Armes we do not Believe that it is the will of God to take away the Lives of our fellow crators, not that we come out against the Congress or the Amarican Liberties, but when ever we are Convinct to the Contory we are Redy to joine our Amarican Brieathen to defend by arms against the Hostile attempts of the British fleets and Armies.

Amos Boorn
Jeans Ballou
Enoch White
William Cook
Ananias Aldrich
Thomas Horten
Luke Cass
Anthony Harris
Uriah Harris
Martin Ellis
Olivier Mason
Simeon Thayer 12.

SIGNERS IN RINDGE.

Abraham Wetherbe
Jeremiah Towne
William Carleton
Nehemiah Towne
Benja Bancroft
John Simonds

Amasa Turner
Nathan Hubbard
John Page
John Toneshend
Ebenezer Locke
Jeremiah Chapman
Nathaniel Russell
Jacob Hobbs
John Dean
Salmon Stone
Enoch Hale
Seth Dean
Edward Jewett
Jonathan Sherwin
Abel Stone
W^{m} Russell
Nathaniel Page
Solomon Cutler
John Demary
John Handsom
Jonathan Sawtell
John Whitaker
James Crombie
John Sherwin
James Philbrick
Samuel Tarbell
Paul Fitch
Samuel Sherwin
James Wood
John Henaford
Richard Kimball
Ebenezer Chaplin
John Wetherbee
Benjamin Peirce
John Emery
Ebenezer Davis
Samuel Whitney
James Cutter
Daniel Rand
Oliver Stevens
Solomon Rand
Jer^{ah} Russell
Samuel Stanley
Joseph Stanley
Benjamin Lovering
Henry Godding
Joshua Webster
Ebenezer Shaw
Joel Russell, Jr
Benj. Carlton
Abel Platts
Daniel Davis
Zebulon Converse
Isaac Wood
Benjamin Gould
Jon^{a} Ingalls
Josiah Ingalls
Jeremiah Norcross
Elisha Perkins
Caleb Winn
Joseph Plats
Page Norcross
Samuel Walker
Aaron Estey
Ezekiel Learned
Simon Davis, Jr
Richard Kimball, Jr
Daniel Russell
Jonathan Putnam
Stephen Jewet
David Hale
Nath^{l} Ingalls
Nehemiah Bowers
Richard Thompson
Samuel Russell
Francis Towne
Amos Davis
William Davis
Moses Hale
George Lake
James Streetor
Richard Davis
James Carlton
Samuel Paig, jr.
Deliverance Willson
Jeduthion Stanley
Jacob Gould
Elijah Rice
Israel Adams Jr
Caleb Huston
John Gray
Nathaniel Thomas
David Robbins
Oliver Gould
Jonathan Ball
John Thomson
Ichabod Thomson
Eleezer Coffeen?
Jephthan Richardson
Abijah Haskell
Eliakim Darling
Asa Sherwin
Barnabas Carey
Benjamin Newman
Jehoshaphat Grout
John Lovejoy, Jr
John Lovejoy
Othniel Thomas
John Buswell
Nehemiah Porter
Daniel Lake
Abel Plat
Reuben Page
Jonathan Town, Jr
Timothy Wood
Solomon Whitney
Israel Adams
Simon Davis
William Robbins
Jeabez Norcross
Abel Perkins
Samuel Page
Joel Russell
Ezekiel Rand
John Ellis
Jon^{a} Parker, Jr.
Jonathan Towne
Thomas Hutchinson
John Fitch
Jon^{h} Parker
Asa Tyler
Sam^{ll} Parker
Ezekiel Jewett
Randall Davis
Simeon Ingalls
Henry Smith
Joshua Tyler
Daniel Grag
William Walton
Levi Mansfield
Benjamin Moore
David Adams
Samuel Adams
Daniel Adams

Colony of New Hampsh^{r} 150.

Rindge, June y^{e} 1st 1776.

In Obedience to the within Request we have desired all

Males in this Town to sign the within Declaration (except those that are excepted) and they have all Signed.

To the Hon^{rs} General Assembly or the Hon^{rs} Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire

EDWARD JEWETT } Selectmen
JONATHAN SHERWIN } of
ABEL STONE } Rindge

SIGNERS IN ROCHESTER.

In Consequence of the resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress, and to Shew our Determination in Joining with our American Brethren in defending the Lives, Liberties and properties of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies,

We the Subscribers, do hereby solemnly engage and promise that we will, to the utmost of our power, at the risque of our Lives and Fortunes with Arms, oppose the Hostile proceedings of the Brittish Fleets and armies, against the United American Colonies.

Eben^{r} Tebbets
James How.
Samuel Furbur
James Chesley
Benj^{a} Furbur
Jabez Dame
Barn^{s} Palmer
William Allen
Daniel Wingate
Jos^{h} Pearl
W^{m} Evans
John Plummer
W^{m} Chamberlain
W^{m} M^{c}Duffee
Rich^{d} Furbur
John Ham
John Beargin
Eben^{r} Ricker
Timothy Roberts
Stephen Berrey
Sam^{l} Plummer
Abner Dame
Lemuel Bickford
John Cook
W^{m} Trickey
Daniel Rogers
John Brewster
Rich^{d} Walker
Daniel Kimball
Benj^{a} Rollins
Moses Hammett
Thomas Plummer
Joseph Dame
Daniel Watson
Joseph Haven
Rich^{d} Wentworth
Isaac Wentworth
Avery Hall
Josiah Main
Wentworth Hayes
Paul Libbey
Isaac Libbey
Thomas Roberts
Mark Hartford
Sam^{l} Alley
Jacob Hanson
Daniel Garland
James Foster
Enoch Hoit
Benj^{a} Frost
Benj^{a} Frost Jr
Eleaz^{r} Coleman
Bradstreet French
James French
David French
John Ham, Jr
Thomas Ham
Joseph Knight
Henry Tebbets
James Chamberlain
Thomas Peevey
W^{m} Knight
W^{m} Wingate
Edw^{d} Lock
Hunking Colebroth
Charles Knight
James Rogers
David Laighton
James Rogers 3^{d}
Samuel Jones
Samuel Chamberlain
Moses Horn
James Downs
Tho^{s} Davis
Ichabod Hayes
Moses Hayes, Jr
Nath^{l} Watson
Nath^{l} Watson, Jr
Daniel Hayes
John Woodman
Ephraim Wentworth
John Trickey
Dodovah Garland
John Trickey, Jr

Sam^l Twambley
Jon^a Twambley
James Wentworth
Job Clements
Stephen Jenkins
Cornelius Jenkins
Josiah Fulsom
Caleb Wakeham
Samuel Nute
Benj^a Twombly
Eben^r Wentworth
Reuben Wentworth
James Jackson
Peter Horn
James Dearing
Eben^r Horn
Jeh^d Rollins
Thomas Drew
Moses Hayes
W^m Jennis
W^m Jennis Jr
James Knowles
John Knowles
W^m Ham
Ebenezer Chesley
Sol^o Perkins
Sol^o Perkins Jr
Sam^l Merrow
Sam^l Merrow, Jr.
Jonathan Richards
James Horn
John Richards
John Richards, Jr.
Thomas Furbur
Abraham Morrison
Jonathan Morrison
Dan^l Page
Joseph Page
Josh^a Downing
Aaron Jennis
John Nute
Simon French
Moses Jennis
David Jennis
Sam^l Robinson
W^m Hodgdon
Paul Jennis
Solomon Drown
Joseph Tucker
W^m M^{c}Neal
Joseph Drown
Aaron Ham
Joseph Jiles
Rich^d Place
Eben^r Place
Alex^r Hodgdon
Alex^r Hodgdon, Jr
Benj^a Hoit
Thomas Brown
John Hammett
Moses Brown
Jon^a Bickford
Edward Tebbets
George Place
James Rogers, Jr
Jon^a Ham
Benj^a Hayes
Samuel Drown
Joseph Walker
Joseph Hayes
Ithamar Seavey
Sam^l Seavey
Eben^r Garland
Diamond Pearl
James M^{c}Duffee
Turner Whitehouse
John Jennis
Elijah Varney
Rich^d Nutter
Henry Allard
John Place
Ephraim Ham
Joseph Walker, Jr
Robert Walker
Richard Furber, Jr.
Beard Plummer
Joseph Thompson
John Heard
Reuben Heard, Jr
Zebulon Dame
Reuben Heard
Josiah Wentworth
Moses Roberts
Jotham Nutter
Gershom Downs
John Randell
Lemuel Richardson
Moses Downs
Benj^a Copps
Joseph Plummer
George Willard
Jonathan Pinkham
Caleb Jackson
Samuel Twambley, Jr.
Eben^r Place, Jr
Zebulon Davis
Abraham Cook
Edmond Tebbets
Joseph Jones
Elihue Wentworth
Sam^l Wingate, Jr
Nicholas Wentworth
Joshua Cosen
Thomas Brown Jr 198.

The following persons Refuse to Sign the annexed association—

James Allen
John Withrell
Ichabod Cossen
Morris Ellis
Tho^s Trickey
Solomon Clark
Samuel Wingate
Daniel Jennis
Joseph Heard
Benj^a Heard
Tristram Heard
Nath^l Garland
Benj^a Bickford
Abraham Pearl
Jonathan Hodgdon
Will^m Ellis
Sam^l Downing
Jon^a Ellis
Joshua Knight
Edward Varney
Stephen Wentworth
Benj^a Dame. 22.

The undernaned persons are of the Society of Friends and do not Choose to Sign—

Elijah Tebbets
Elijah Tebbets, Jr
John Tebbets
Ezekiel Tebbets
Joseph Tebbets
Muzzy Gould
David Tebbets
Robert Tebbets
Mordecai Varney
David Varney
Moses Varney
Mose Varney, Jr
Moses Austin
Eben^{r} Varney
John Cloutman
Thomas Cloutman
Jonathan Dame
Isaac Twambly
Benj^{a} Meeder
Nath^{l} Meeder
Jon^{a} Meeder
Joseph Meeder 22.

Rochester 15th Oct. 1775.
By order of the Committee
A True Copy
Attest, EBEN^{R} TEBBETS, Clk.

SIGNERS IN RYE.

Sam^{ll} Jenness
W^{m} Davison
James Perkins
Jonathan Brown
Isaac Dow
Moses Seavey
Sam^{ll} Seavey Jr
Robinson Treferrin
Nathan Towl
Samuel Seavey
Jeremiah Berry, Jr
Benjamin Garland
Nathan Goss
Peter Johnson
James Lock
Joshua Lock
James Goss
John Blunt
Levi Towl
Simeon Towle
Jonathan Lock
Trustham Sleeper
John Jenniss
Francis Jenness
Jon^{a} Jenness
Francess Jenness, Jr
Job Brown
Bickford Lang
Nicholas Dolbar
Joseph Sevey
Joel Ame
Olem Lowel, Jr?
Samuel Wells
Jonathan Goss
Marifeld Berry
Joseph Parsons
Benjamin Marden
Nathaniel Marden, Jr
Samuel Marden
Robart Sanders
Robart Sanders Jr
William Marden
Sam^{ll} Murry
Simon Johnson
Ben Marden
Job Foss
Joathan Berry
George Randall
Joseph Hall
Jonathan Towl, Jr
Jacob Berry
David Smith, Jr
Joseph Marden
Nathaniel Rand
James Hobbs
John Lock, Jr
Benjamin Marden
Jeremiah Lock
Joseph Lock Jr
Richard Lock
Richard Lock 3
Joseph Lock
Alaxander Salter
Samuel Knowles, Jr
William Seavey, Jr
Samuell Hutchin
Joseph Rand
Arther Lebbee
Amos Seavey
James Seavey
Samuel Doustfoss ?
Paul Seavey
John Webster
Ebenezer Wallis
Joseph Rand
Mark Randall
Daniel Moulton
Thomas Wasson
William Seavey
Elexander Lear
Samuel Wallis

Samuel Wallis, Jr
John Rand
William Berry, Jr
Ephraim Daucas
Levi Goss
Solomon Verrell
Reuben Moulton
Jonathan Philbrick
Nathaniel Jennes
John Jennes
Sam^{l} Jenness Jr
Rich^{d} Jennes 3^{d}
Job Jennes
Titus Philbrick

Elijah Lock
Peter Johnson, Seyner
Peter Garland
Nehemiah Moulton
William Wormwood
David Lock
Joseph Philbrick
Elijah Lock
Mikel Dalton
Job Jennes Jr
Jonathan Hobbs
John Rand
Nathenill Rand
Nathaniel Marden

William Morrison
Joseph Seavey
Joseph Yeaton
Wallis Foss
Richard Jenness
Richard Jennes
Jeremiah Berry
Henry Elkins
Abraham Libbee
Simon Galland
Samuel Knowles
Samuel Rand
Samuel Elkins
Reuben Philbrick 123.

According to the above Preserpe, we the said Seleck men of Rye has apilied to the inhabitants of said town and sinied the above Preseip in full

JOSEPH JENNESS
NATH^{l} RAND Selectmen
RICHARD BROWN

SIGNERS IN SALEM.

William Hall
Amos Dow
Evan. Jones
Nathaniel Woodman
Joseph Sanders
Jonathan Massey
Daniel Gordon
Benjamin Mosby?
Rapha Hall
Jonathan Corlis
Moody Morse
Jon^{a} Wheeler
Rich^{d} Dow, Jr
Jacob Hardy
Nath^{l} Dow
John Morland
Josiah Hardy
Zech. Woodber
Richard Dow
Simon Johnson
Alexander Gorden
Phinehas Swan
Timothy Sargent
Abraham Amy
Seth Patee
Israel Woodbery

John Woodbery
John Morill Jr?
Joseph Hull, Jr.
Jesse Morill
John Morill
Timothy Merill
Daniel Corlis
Abraham Dow
Solomon Cole
James Sanders
Rich^{d} Kelly
Jonathan Gordon
Timothy Duston
Israel Young
Daniel Ladd
James Hastings, Jr
Timothy Johnson
Daniel Massey
Richard Kimball
John Bayley
William Tapley
Percy Dow
Stephen Currier
John Bayley Jr
Abiel Cross
Oliver Kimball

Josiah $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{J}}$ Rowell
William Bayley
Nath^{l} Merrill
John Smith
Israel Hull
David Nevens
Richard Hennesee
Sampon Wheeler
Stephen Wheeler
Abner Wheeler
James Hall
William Smith
Samuel Kelly
Nath^{l} Belknap
Jess Smith
Obadiah Eastman
Timothy Swan, Jr.
Thomas Dow
James Hastings,
Jeremiah Dow
Caleb Duston
Joseph Carlton
Joshua $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Bayley, Jr

Benoni Rowell
David Copp
Jere. Foster
Samuel Johnson
Henry Little
John Johnson
Abbit Pettengill
Jonathan Hesseltine, Jr.
Isael Smith
Phinehas Gordon
John Kinkead
Jonathan Baley
Samuel Day
Joseph Wright
Joseph Perkins
Timothy Swan
Joshua Swan
Asa Mors
Solomon Smith
James Moorland
William Moorland
Simon Bradford
John Bradford
John Corning
Thmas Macglaton
William Smith
Joseph Cresey
Asa Corlless?
William Gordon
Richard Messer
John Moor Bayley
David Bayley
Nehemiah Stanwood
Jonathan Hesseltine

Barnard Kimball
Daniel Haseltine $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$
Thomos ——?
Benj^{a} Wheelir
Abijah Wheelr
Asa Dow
James Webster
James Corlis × his mark
Benj^{a} Bixby
John Carlton
Dudley Currier
Silas Wheeler
John Currier
Eliphalet Knight
Tho^{s} Robinson
Nat Woodbery
Joseph Hull
Daniel Merrill
Hugh Campbell
Hugh Campbell, jr
Andrew Campbell
Joshua Bayly
Peter Duston
Asa Rowell
John Lankiser
Henry Lankiest
Abner Bayley—Pastor of the church.
William Sanders
Sam^{ll} Sanders
Abiel $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{)(}}$ Astin

John Asten
William Clough, Jr
John Clough
John Lowel
Parley Merrill
Adam Cole
Oliver Kimball, Jr
Joshua Hall
Josiah Clough
William Ayer
Israel Ober
Joseph Hariss
William Clement
Christopher Clment
Josiah Thissel
Jonathan Bayley, Jr
John Lowel, Jr
Henry Woodbery
Samuel Ayer
Jonathan $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\&}}$ Steven
David Merrill
Benjamin Bixby Jr
Edward Patee
Nath^{l} Gorrell
John Ellinwood
Nathan Webster
Benj^{a} Rawlings
Jonathan Smith
Joseph Ordway
John Currier
Matthew Taylor
Caleb Marble 171.

To the Honorable Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire. Gent—

We the Subscribers having shown the Declaration commonly called the Test Bill to the Inhabitants of Salem as by your Honors directed have found a number who have neglected to sign s^{d} Test Bill whose names are as follows—viz—

Jesse Webster
Robert Young
William Leech
Joseph Merril
Dea Thomas Douglass
Peter Merril
Ebenezer Woodberry
Joshua Heath

David Hall
Dea John Hall
John Keith
Nathan Asten
Wyman Clough
William Clough
Daniel Silver
Webster Emerson

Jonathan Tenny
Oliver Saunders
Ebenezer Page
John Kelley
Enos Webster
John Ashby
Sam^{l} Hilton
Daniel Peasley Esq
Sam^{l} Clement
John Chase
John Clement
Capt. John Allein
Robert Ellingwood
Henry Saunders
Josiah Rowel, Jr
Phillip Rowel
Jacob Rowel
William Thorn
Joseph Leech
Daniel Silver, Jr. 36.

WILLIAM HALL
AMOS DOW } Selectmen of Salem
RICHARD MESSER

Dated Salem Augst 27th 1776—

SIGNERS IN SALISBURY.

Ebenezer Johnson
Sam Scribner
John Collins
Reuben Greele
William Nuton
Benj^{a} Bean
Job Heath
Phinebas Bean
John Jamson
John Sanborn
Jacob True
John Gale
Moses Elkins
Rev. Jonathan Searle
Ebenezer Webster
Robert Smith
Andrew Pettingill
William Calef
Leonard Judkins
Jonathan Fifield
Edward Eastman
Shubael Grele
Benj^{m} Huntoon
Jonathan Cram
David Pettingill
Joseph Bartlett
John Row
William Webster
Jacob Garland
William Eastman
John Fifield
William Searle
Abel Tandey
Jeremiah Webster
Edward Fifield
Moses Garland
Ephraim Heath
Eira Tucker
Eben. Tucker
Nathaniel Meloon
Hezekiah Foster
Nathaniel Meloon, Jr
Iddo Scribner
John Bean
Obadiah Peters Fifield
Benjamin Scribner
Edward Scribner
Edward Scribner, Jr
John Scribner
Joseph Marston
Moses Sawyer
John Challis
Bengman Grele
John Fellows
Ephraim Colby
John Webster, Jr
Andrew Bohonan
Annieah Bohonan
Andrew Bonehon
Daniel Huntoon
Moses Selley
Gideon Dow
Nathan Colby
Joseph French
Stephen Call
Jacob Bohonon
John Bowin
Benj— Sanborn
Joseph Basford
Daniel Scmell
John Webster
Isrell Webster
Robard Barber
Nathaniel Marston
Matthew Pettingill
Ebenezer Clifford
Reuben Hoit
Joseph Fifield
Abel Elkens
Abraham Fifield
Richard Purmott
Danill Warran
Cutting Stevens
83.

This may Ceartfie the General Assembly or Commitey of Safty of the Colony of New Hampshire, That we the Subscribers have offered the within Declaration to the Inhabitants of the Town of Salisbury, and tha Sign freely (Mr *Sinkler Bean* and *Joseph Bean* excepted) 2.

EBENEZER WEBSTER } Select men for Salisbury
JONATHAN FIFIELD

Salisbury Sept. 12: 1776.

SIGNERS IN SANBORNTOWN.

Joseph Woodman
Benjamin Colby
Nicholas Clark
Josiah Emery
Robert Smart
Eliphelit Brown
Nat^{l} Burley
Jacob Bumford
Stephens Burley
John Bryen
John Clark
Isaac Colby
Benjamin Darling
William Tomson
James Cates
Rich^{d} Beacham
John Johnson
Satchel Clark
David Ray?
John Folsom
Enoch Ealy
David Dustin
James Cates, Jr
Stephen Gale
Aaron Samborn
Jonathan Taylor
Dan^{l} Sanborn

Chase Taylor
Josiah Samborn
Jacob Smith
James Gibson
Ebenezer Morroson
John Colby
Elisha Cates
Joseph Clark
Jon^{a} Chase
Will^{m} Durgin Jr
Josiah Miles Jr
Ebn^{r} Eastman
Dan^{l} Fifield
Benjamin Sanborn
Caleb Gilman
Moses Gilman
Joseph Gilman
John Gale
Dan^{l} Gale
William Hayes, Jr
Joseph Hoit
Andrew Jewett
Nicholas Giles
Edward Kelly
Gedion Levitt
Sam^{l} Morrison
Jotham Rawlins

Abijah Sanborn
Jon^{a} Smith, Jr
Ichabod Swain
Timothy Smith
John Thorn
Moses Thomson
Charles Thomas
Cole Weeks
Eben^{r} Sanborn
John Lane
Nath^{l} Tilton
Enoch Cate
Philip Hunt
Moses Rendal
Dan^{l} Lary
John Robinson
Samuel Harper
Jonathan Cass
Theo. Rundlet
Thomas Sinkler
Thomas Crichet
Solomon Copp
Elisha Smith
Josiah Sambon
Moses Danforth
Eben^{r} Gove— 80.

July the 3^{d} 1776. Pursuant to the within Request the Inhabitants of said Sanbornton have all except one *Benjamin Hoit* Severally subscribed their Names hereunto.— 1.

AARON SANBORN in behalf of the Selectmen, To the Hon^{ble} General Court or Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire—

SIGNERS IN SANDOWN.

Samuel $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Bean

John Colby
Peter Colby

David Bennett
Orlando Colby

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David Sargent
Reuben Clough
Josiah Cotton
Zacheus Hunt
James Trussell
Rob't Collins
Henry Page
Edmund James
Ellis (?) Colby
Daniel Watson
Stephen Long
Samuel Judkins
Benjamin Flanders
Moses Hooke
Sherburne Sanborn
Timothy Tilton
David Sanborn
Samuel Sleeper
John Sleeper
Jethro Sanborn
Shrburn Tilton
Isaac Ladd
Oliver Smith Blake
Joseph Draper
Nath^{ll} Ingalls
Jonathan Huse
Benjamin Colby
David Straw
Jon^{a} Colby, Sen^{r}
Daniel Stanford
Charles Pressey
Thomas Wells
William Rowel
Israel Huse
Spencer Bennet
Sargent Wells
Jacob Wells
Benjamin Wells
Phinehas Bachelder
William Been
Nathaniel Bussell, Jr
Edwin Bussel (?)
Nathaniel Busel
Jothan Stevens (?)
Zebediah Watson
John Tucker
Ebenezer Tucker
Jacob Tucker
John Straw
John Pervere
William Ferren
Maseek Gordy
Robert Crawford
John Tilton
Benj^{a} Hunkins
David Tilton
John Fuller (?)
Samuel Ingalls
Ezekiel Eaton
Isaac Dow
David Moulton
Joshua George
Jonathan Whiteaker
John Collins
Joshua Harriman
Theophilus Grifen
Thomas Grifen
Peter Grifen
Moses Heath
Asa Heath
Moses Grifen
Samuel Wyatt
Humphrey Clough
Nathan Hunt
Samuel Palmmar
John Hearsee
Daniel Kelly
Samuel Hearsee
Samuel Daniels
Nath^{l} French
Benjamin Taylor
John Sanborn
Da^{d} Sleeper
Moses Sanborn
Josiah Fowler
Daniel Davis
Richard Grefin
Samuel Sanborn
Joseph Tilton
Abraham Hook
Thomas Chase
Joseph Bayley
Edward Edmands
Thomas Fallows
Timothy Fallows
Benjamin Pillsbery
Joseph Hunt
Ela Dow

103.

In obedience to the within, We have Requested the parish to sign this Instrument and in obedience the parish have all signed but those whose names are here under written

MOSES HOOK
REUBEN CLOUGH } Selectmen of Sandown
ELA DOW

The Names of those that Refused to sign—

Ichabod Shaw, *Esq*
Benjamin Shaw
Cornet *Daniel Fitts*
Thomas Cotton
William Wooderd
Folensby Shaw
Joshua Stevens 7.

Samuel Stevens did not sign, but is since gon into the War.

SIGNERS IN SANDWICH.

Isaac George
Nathaniel Knowls
Henry Weed
Richard Sinkler
Jeremiah Page
David Bean
Christopher Tapan
Bagly Welch
Samuel Brown
Jonathan Page
John Page
John Prescutt
Jacob Smith

Isriel $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Giliman
Simeon Smith
Eliphelet Maxfield
Enoch True
Joseph Hoyt
Thomas Berley
Daniel Bede
Elias Ladd
Elias Smith
Nathaniel Elbridge
Benj. $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{his}}{\times}}$ Atkenson

John Glidden
Benj^{a} Bean
Edward Smith
John Ladd
Jeremiah Hilton
Daniel Beede, Jr
Micah Rice
Joshua Prescutt
Benj^{a} Blanchard
Josiah Bean
Edward Wells
Elias Ladd, Jr
Nath^{l} Scribner 37.

In Pursuance of the within Request we have asked all male Inhabitants of Sandwich which are above twenty one years old to sign the within Declaration

The names of those that Refuse to sign are as followeth viz.—

Jacob Jewell
Benjamin Scribner
Moses Weed
Nath Weed
Henry Weed, Jr
Mark Jewel
Jacob Weed
Nathan Beede
Aaron Beede 9.

Test— Mark Jewel } Selectmen of
Joshua Prescut } Sandwich.

June the 15th 1776.

SAVIL, CROYDON & NEWPORT.

(NEWPORT.)

Benj^{n} Giles
Aaron Buel
Jeremiah Jenks
Samuel Hurd
Josiah Stevens
Ezra Parmele
Giels Kelcey
Ephraim Towner
Joel Bailey
Benjamin Bragg

Lemer Kelcey
Abraham Buell
Jesse Willcoks
Jesse Kelcey
William Stannard
Jesse Lane
Absalom Kelcey
Daniel Beuel (?)
Roswiel Kelsy
Joseph Buel

Phinehas Willcoks
Josiah Dudley
Nathan Hurd
Nathan Woodbury
Daniel Dudley
Robert Lane
Jedidiah Reynolds
Jed^{h} Reynolds Jr
James Church
Isaac Newton

Ebenezer Meritt
Amos Hall
Jesse Bailey
John Lane
David Brown
Uriah Willcoks 36.

Newport June 20th 1776.

The Inhabitants of Newport that is required have all Signed this Association

Josiah Stevens
Samuell Hurd
Aaron Buel
Selectmen of Newport

(CROYDON.)

Benj Swinerton
Isaac Sanger
Moses Whipple
Sam^{l} R,d Hall
John Sanger
Jacob Leland
David Warrin
Daniel Emerson
Joseph Hall
Seth Chase
Abner Brigham
Bezaleel Gleason
James How
Stephen Powers
Benjamin Powers
Samuel Whipple
Phinehas Sanger
David Powers
David Stockwill
Eleazer Leland
Jacob Hall
Phinehes Hewton
Nathaniel Wheeler
Amos Hager
Seth Wheeler
Benoni Thomson
Abijah Hall
Timothy Fisher
Benjamin Thomson
Thomas Whipple
John Cooper, Jr.
31.

Croydon July 6th 1776.

Those whose Names are in the Colums at the Left hand are Inhabitants of this Town—

Edward Hall
Ezekiel Powers
John Powers
John Cooper 4.

The four men above refuse to set there names to this paper.

John Cooper
Moses Whipple
Selectmen.

(SAVILLE.)

Robert Woodword
John Steven
William mack Breney
Ephraim Bradbury
Samuel Gunnison
Georg Walker Lear
Joseph Lear
Beniman his X mark Howord
Elezer his X mark Sisco
Joshua Gage
Benjamin Thurber
Daniel Grendel
Samuel Thurber
W^{m} his X mark Sisco
Daniel Shebune
Beniman Rand
William Lang
Michael Bowden 18.

Savil July ye 15th 1776.

The Inhabitants of Savill that is required have all Signed this Association.

Sam^{l} Gunnison
Benjmon Thurber
In behalfe of Saville

SIGNERS IN SOCIETY LAND (now Antrim).

John McCleary
Thomas Stuart
Nathan Taylor
John Green
John Warren
Saml Moores
James Moores
Philip Raley
Tristram Cheney
John Cheney
Joseph Boyd
Daniel Miltimor
Alexander Jemeson
William Smith
James Aiken
Isaac Butterfield
Robert Rogers
James Gregg
Alexander Parker
James Hopkins
James Duncan
Mathew Templeton
Morish Lynch
John Duncan
Robert Duncan 25.

SIGNERS IN SOUTH HAMPTON.

P. White
Henry French
Henry French, Jr
James French
Obediah French
Daniel French
Elihu French
Isaac Brown
Reuben Currier
Robt Long
Timothy Huntington
Nathaniel Flanders
William Graves
Josiah Rogers
David Graves
Stephen Rogers
Samuel Peirce
William Cooper
Humphrey Pierce
Moses Pierce
Humphry Peirce Jr
Thos Shepherd
Richard Fitts
Nathan Fitts
Eliphelet Merrill
James Hedlock
Philip Flanders
Jacob Jones
Josiah Sawyer
Richard Sawyer
Israel Sawyer
Ezekiel Clough Mr
Nathan Currier
Challis Currier
John Currier
Richard Currier
Louis Hadlock
Jacob Barnard
Joh Pilsbery
Enos George
Parker Flanders
Er Colby
Ezekiel Flanders
Timothy Flanders
Daniel Jones
Nicholas Currier
Nathaniel Rowell
Isaiah Dole
Jonthan Dow
Timothy Huntinton(?)
Moses Flanders, I subscribe Provided that the act or advice of the said Continental Congress be complied with Respecting minute men
Edmund Pilsbury
Barnard Currier
Ephraim Carter
Abel French
Benjamin Clough
Abel Brown
N. Noyes
Thomas Tuxbury
Merrill Flanders
Onesiphorus Page
Richard Currier Flanders
Richd Collins
Philip Osgood
Ezekiel French
Joseph Jones, Jr
Joseph Jones
Joseph Merrill
Barnard Flanders
Philip Flanders
Thomas Currier
Jona Prasa
Benjamin Brown
Enoch Page
Richard Greele
Moses French
Jacob Dole
Daniel Page
Ebenezer French, Jr
Henery Tuells ?
Benjmn Barnard
Josiah Flanders
Eliphelet Merrill Jr
Daniel Colby
William Clough.
85.

Colony of New Hampshire—

South Hampton June 24th 1776.

Agreable to the within, we have Desired the males in sd Town to sign the Declaration on this paper & It hath been complied with by all so desired excepting those whose names are here after mentioned.

Jeremiah Flanders
Isaiah Flanders
Jeremiah Flanders Jr
Christopher Flanders— 4.

ABEL FRENCH } Selectmen
JOSEPH MERRILL }

SIGNERS IN STRATHAM.

Daniel Clark
Andrew French Jr.
Samuel Foster
William Chase
Daniel French
Joshua Lane
Sam. Lane. Jr
Benjamin Green
James Kelley
John Dearborn
Simon Wiggin
Nich^{l} Rowlings
Mark Wiggin
Abraham Tilton
Joshua Avery
Samuel Piper
Dudley L. Chase
Stephen Cate
David Smith
Noah Wiggin
Elisha French
Samuel Giles
Samuel Boynton
Joseph Clark, Jr
Benjamin Barker
Samuel Lane
Joseph Adams, Jr
Tuftin Wiggin, Jr
Thomas Odel
Winthrop Wiggin
John Stockbridge
Jonathan Piper, Jr
Nathan Levitt, Jr
Chase Wiggin
Daniel Pickerin
John Piper
Isaac Goss (?)
Bickford Kennison
Henry Kenniston
John Foss
Joseph Hills
John Crocket
Samuel Piper, Jr
David Crockett
John Burley
Samuel Wiggin
Joseph Adams
John Luey
Daniel Mason
William Moor Sen.
Joseph Stevens
Samuell Goodwin (?)
Joshua Rawlins
John Robinson
Tuftin Wiggin
Wheler Burly
And^{w} Wiggin Jr
Joseph Mason Jr
Joseph Smith
David Burly
John Taylor
Jonathan Rawlings
Francis Mason
David Jewell
Benimin Leavitt
Edward Taylor
Jotham Rawllins
Taylor Clark
Jacob Rundlet
Jonathan Hoit
Ezra Barker
Jonathan Robinson
Ferd. Merrill
Josiah Leavitt
Joses Randall
Matthew Tomson
William Calley jr,
Jonathan Sibley
David Hanaford
Joseph Norris
William French, Jr
John Leavitt
Sam^{ll} Chapman
Jos^{a} Wingate
Josiah Thirston
Daniel Jewell
John Sinkler
Jonathan Case, Jr
Sam. Leavitt
Thomas Veasey
Moses Chase
Joseph Fifield
Samuel Calley
Edward Mason
John Rundlet
William Calley
Jonathan Leavitt
William Moore
Rich^{d} Rust
Walter Wiggin
Jonathan Wiggin
Cotton Dockum
Joseph Handrason
Jude Allen, Jr
Harvey (?) Moore
John Stockbridge, Jr.
William Pottle
Andrew French
John Avery
William French
Richard Wiggin
Solomon Smith, Jr
Samuel Smith
David Robinson
Benjamin Merrill
James Merrill
W^{m} Pottle, Jr.
Josiah Allen
Joseph Merrill
And^{w} Wiggin 3d

Seargeant Whitcher
Joseph Clark
Israel Stockbridge
Jacob Jewell
Abraham Stockbridge
Nathanel Wiggin 3d
Thomas Veasy, Jr
Jonathan Piper
Ephraim Crocket
William Bolagh
John Manning ?
131.

Agreeable to the Instructions given us we the Selectmen and Commitie have done all in our power for the purpose within mentioned, and all the persons within are Volintary Signers.

Stratham, September ye 3^{d} ye 1776.

Simon Wiggin
Daniel Clark
Jonathan Wiggin
Moses Clark
Nich Rowlings
Jonathan Robinson
} Selectmen & Com^{tee}

Ebenezer Barker
Nathan Barker
Moses Clark
Jonathan Chase
John Clark
Edward Chase
James Darborn
Capt Joseph Hoyet
Daniel Hoyet
Joseph Hoag
Nathan Hoag, a friend
John Hill
William Hash
Jonathan Jewett
Jacob Low
Enoch Merrill
Elijah Meader
Thomas Moore
Cor. *Thomas Moore*
William Moore 3^{d}
Peter Moore
Joseph Mason
Capt George March
Enoch Merrill, Jr
Nicholas Meriner
Nathaniel Piper
Stephen Piper
Nathan Piper
Samuel Pottel
Benjamin Piper
Richard Scammon
Richard Sincklear
Isaac Stockbrige
Nathaniel Stevens
Stephen Thurston
Andrew Wiggin
Samuel Wiggin, Jr
Joseph Wiggin
Nathaniel Wiggin, Jr
Rev^{d} Pain Wingate
Doct. Samuel Shepard
Nathaniel Wiggin 42.

N. B. Five names that were on the above list are totally blotted out.—Ed.

The Above Names are those that Refuse to Sign the Association paper.

From y^r Humble Serv^{ts}

Simon Wiggin
Daniel Clark
Jonathan Wiggin
Moses Clarke
Nich^l Rowlings
Jonathan Robinson
} Selectmen & Com^{tee}

Stratham—September ye 3^d ye 1776.

SIGNERS IN SURRY.

Woolston Brockway
Joshua Darte
Samuel Smith
Nathan Hayward
Jonathan Carpenter
Jonathan Smith
Abia Crane
Jonathan Smith Jr
Samuel M^{c}Curdy
John M^{c}Curdy
William Hayward
Joseph Whitney
Joshua Darte Jr.
Nathaniel Darte
Thomas Smith
Peter Hayward
Ichabod Smith
Obadiah Willcox
Thos. Darte
Joshua Fuller
William Barron
Moses Ward
John Marvin
Delevarn Debelance
Abel Allen
Eliphalet Darte
Ebenezer Daniels
Moses D. Field
Obadiah Willcox, Jr
Thomas Redding
Tristey Chapins
Job Gleason
Job Gleson, Jr.
Abner Skinner
Aaron Chapin
Hiram Chapin
Cornelius Smith
Thomas Harvey
Joshua Fuller, Jr
Nathan Carpenter
Benjamin Carpenter
Charles Rice 42.

Province of
New Hampshire } Cheshire SS, Surry, May 31st
A D., 1776.

In Complyance with the within Request we have offered the same to Every person Required and no one has Refused to signe it.

Obadiah Willcox
Thomas Harvy
Thomas Darte
} Selectmen

SIGNERS IN TEMPLE.

We the subscribers do hereby solemly profess our entere willingness at the risque of our lives and fortunes, with ARMS, to oppose the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies, against the United American Colonies, whenever and to such a degree as such attempts of Britain may require.

Joshua Todd
Nath. Ball
Ezekiel Goodale
Francis Blood
Stephen Garlin
Samuel Webster
Gershom Drury
Oliver Heald
Peter Wheeler
Ezekiel Jewet
Archelaus Cummings
Peter Felt
Zechariah Emery
Zedekiah Drury
Benj^a Byams
Jonathan Avery
John Everett
Silas Angier
Eldad Spofford
John Cragin
Aaron Marshall
Thomas Marshall
Abraham Shelden
Caleb Bancroft
Francis Cragin
Jonathan Morse
Peter Davis
James Foster
Elias Colburn
Robert Fletcher
Peter Wheeler, Jr
John Cragin Jr
Ephraim Heald
Stephen Putnam
Ebenezer Drury
Joseph Heald
Joshua Foster
Isaac Brewr
Stephen Cobb
William Drury
David Townsend
Amos Emery
Bejamin Tenney
Zebadiah Johnson
Silas Richard Stickney
John Brown
Joseph Richardson
Peter Heald
Jonathan Drury
Benj^a Cutter
William Manser
Samuel Burnap
Joseph Richards
Samuel Howard
Samuel Holt
Josiah Stone
Ephraim Brown
Benj^a Cragin
Caleb Maynord
Ebenezer Cobb
John Stiles
Zebadiah Dinsmor
Enos Goodale
Gorg Start
John Start
David Fuller
Joshua Felt
Seth Cobb
Abijah Goold
Jacob Foster
Eliot Powers
David Spoffard
Abraham Dinsmore
Archelas Willson
Aaron Felt
Giddeon Powers
Elijah Mansfield
Daniel How
Timothy Atten
John Patten
Vatel (?) Shattuck
Stephen Sanders
Andrew Lane
Peter Brown. 84.

The following persons Refuse to sign any association to Defend America by armes against the Hostile attempts of Britain

Joseph Putnam
Jacob Putnam
Joseph Gibbs. 3.

To the General Assembly or Committee of Safety for New Hampshire—

We produced to the Inhabitants of this Town in town meeting the Paper proposed by the Committee of Safety to be sign'd by the Inhabitants of this Colony— Few if any of the Inhabitants were willing to engage, & promise as there proposed to oppose by arms to the utmost of their power the hostile attempts of ye British Fleets & Armies. As this seem'd to the Inhabitants plainly to imply somthing far more than any common enlistment into the service, ever engaging as soldiers, directly & during the continuance of the warr, as well as exerting ourselves faithfully when engaged ; this at least being within the compass of our power.

But it did not appear to the Inhabitants prudent or necessary for any, or in any Degree lawfull for all thus to engage. The Town directly adopted the form of Association, signed on this paper which they & we hope expresses all Required by the general Congress—

John Cragin
Oliver Heald } Selectmen for Temple—
Georg Start

SIGNERS IN WAKEFIFLD.

David Copp
Nath^{l} Balch
Samuel Willey
John Wentworth
Joseph Parkins
Simeon Dearborn
John Horne
Joseph Malcham
Daniel Hall
Ebenezer Cook
Jacob Wiggin
William Moor
W^{m} Blaidell
Richard York
John Carr
John Hills
David Hain
Elisha Piper
Samuel Allen, Jr
Nathaniel Balch, Jr
Eliphalet Quimby
Nathan Merdogh
John Wingate
John Cook
Eliphalet Philbrook
Benjamin Philbrook
Rich^{d} York
Samuel Sherborne
Samuel Haines
Jeremiah Gilman
Jeremiah Gilman Jr.
Andrew Gilman
John Gilman
Jonathan Gilman
Jonathan Gilman, Jr
Noah Kimball
Benjamin Perkins
Isiah Wiggin
John York
Joseph Haines
Samuel Hall
Moses Copps
Stephen Hawkens
Joseph Sanborn
Joseph Leavit
Robert Hardy
Nathaniel Cook
Thomas Parkines
Jon. Palmer
Jonathan Copp
Samuel Scribner?
John Kimball
Ben— Kinnem?
Clemt Steel
Clemt Steel, Jr
Samuel Allen
Abner Allen
Josiah Page
Tobias Hanson
Simeon Wiggin
Reuben Davis
Henery Robens
62.

According to the request of the Honourable Committy of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire this instrument has been presented to the inhabitants of this town and unavaseley aproved of and sind by them. 0.

Wakefield Septem^{br} th 11, day 1776.

Jacob Wiggin } Select
Nathan Mordogh } men

SIGNERS IN WEARE.

Thomas Wortley
William Dusten
Sam Caldwell
John Robie
Ephraim Jones
Salvenus Emery
Jesse Blake
John Blake
Ezekiel Kimball
Thomas Kimball.
Ezekiel Carr
Thomas Evans

Wintrop Clough
Benjamin Selly
Jeremiah Page
Samuel Ayer
Benjamin Page
Nathaniel Weed
Ezra Pillsbory
David Parson (?)
Ithamar Eaton
Reuben Martain
Samuel Straw
Obadiah Eaton
Abner Hoyt
Israel Straw
Samuel Paige
Lemuel Paige
Jonathan Paige
Samuel Paige, Jr
Enoch Sweat
Robert Alcock
Paul Dusten
Caleb Emery
John Muzzey
John Worth
Joseph Kimbal
Sam Philbrick
Jabez Morrill
Simon Pearkins
Nathan Cram, Jr.
Dudley Chase
Jonathan Blasdel
John Webster
Joseph George
Elijah Green
William Whiteker
Moses Currier
Enos Ferrin
Asa Whitieker
Timothy Clough
Timothy Tuxbery

Jacob Sargent
Jonathan Atwood
Caleb Atwood
Eben Mudgit
Aaron Quinbe
Isaac Tuxbury
Moses Quimbe
Jesse Clement
Samuel Selly
Jonathan Hadlock
Samuel Easman
Jonathan Worthly
Samuel Ordway
John Colby, Jr
Thomas Esmon
Jesse Bayley
Daniel Bayley.
Timothy Worthly
Stephen Emerson
E Cram
Elijah Gove
Caleb Whitaker
Isaac Sargent
Thomas Worthly
Timothy George
Joseph Huse
Peter Rogers, Jr
Joshua Macfield (?)
Samuel Brackelbank
Ephram Emerson
George Hoyt
Moses Hoit
Jonathan Clement
Ezra Clement
Jotham Tuttle
Mark Flood
Philip Sargent
Joseph Hadlock
Joseph Quenbe
Daniel Hadley

Seth Thomson
Benjam Flanders
John Jewell
Timothy Corlee
Joseph Hadlock, Jr
David Moulton
John Mudget
Joseph Emons
John Simons
Ebenzer Bayley
Philip Hoit
Nathan Cram
Daniel Gallusha
Jacob Graves
Jacob Remsdele
Josiah Crown
Joseph Hunton
Moses Hoyt, Jr
Jacob Tuxbury
Nicodemus Watson
Samuel Worthen
John Ordway
Daniel Gould
Joseph Dalts (?)
Moses Folonsbury
Joseph Webster
John Colby
Jonathan Martain
Nathan Goud (?)
John Huntington
Thomas Colby
Jerediah Cram
Timothy Corlis, Jr.
Moses Flood
John Faar
Simeon Hovey
James Emerson
Marde Emerson
William Quemby.
131.

Colony of New Hampshire—

To the Hon. Committee of Safety of this Colony, whereas we the Selectmen of Weare have caused this Declaration to be Signed by a Number of men who apears to be well associated, to Defend by arms the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies—

John Robie } Selectmen
Jabez Morrill } for Weare

Dated at Weare June 6th 1776.

Colony of New Hampshire.

To the Hon. Committee of Safety of this Colony. Gentlemen whereas we the Selectmen of Weare have Received a Declaration from you to be Sign by the Inhabitence of Said Weare, we have acted according to the Orders of the Declaration we make Return of all who Refuse to sign to the Declaration, a List of their names is on this paper.

John Robie } Selectmen
Jabez Morrill } for Weare

Dated at Weare June 6, 1776

A list of mens names called Quakers which is—

Jonathan Dow
Daniel Page
Nath^{l} Peaslee
Silas Peaslee
Benj^{a} Peaslee
Ebenezer Peaslee
Jonathan Peaslee
Caleb Peaslee
Isiah Green
Isiah Green, Jr.
Elijah Purintun
Hezekiah Purintun
Jeremiah Green
Micah Green
John Gove
John Gove Jr
Jonson Gove
Stephen Gove
Daniel Gove
Elisha Gove
Jedediah Dow
Eben^{r} Breed
Zep^{h} Breed
Jonathan Eastes
Jonathan Osborn
John Hodgdon
Enoch Jonson
Edmund Jonson
James Buxton
Joseph Parkins
Samuel Colings
John Chase
Samuel Hovey
Samuel Huntington
Samuel Bayley
John Jewell Jr
Gorge Hadley.
Nathaniel Carlies
Abraham Melvon
Asa Heath
Joseph Webstar, Jr

41.

SIGNERS IN WESTMORLAND.

Jonathan Holton
William Hutchins
Israel Amsby
Daniel Whitman
Abiel Eddy
Isaac Cobb
Daniel Cobb
James Butterfield
Benjamin Peirce
Ebenezer Brittun
Ebenezer Bailey
Joseph Wilborn
Henery Chamberlain
Abner How
Joseph Packerd
David Nathenell
Ephraim Leonard
Jacob Leach
Joseph Burt
Ebenezer Brittan 2d,
John Chamberlin
William Brockway
Joseph White
David Brittun
Ezekiel Woodward
Nathaniel Wilbore
William Brittin
David Wilbore
Benj^{a} Aldrich
Luther Bailey
Roger Conant
John Snow
Stephen Dutton

Benjamin Glesen
Jonathan Willis
Seth Brittun
Jonas Butterfield
Artemas Witt
Eph^{m} Wetherly
William Warner
Jonathan Sawyer
Caleb Aldrich
Daniel Howe
Shoriebiah Leach
Philip Wilbur 2^{d}
John Ranstead
Thomas Chamberlain
Henry Walton
Haridan Wheeler
Zephaniah Leach
Josiah Leach, Jr
Aruniah Leach
Enos Burt
Jedidiah Chambrlin
Josiah Dodge
Caleb Briggs
Jonathan Cole, Jr
Aaron Chandler
Eleazer Robbins
David Jonson
David Glasier (?)
Eben^{r} Peirce
Daniel Pierce
Waitstill Scott
Amos Peirce
Elias Gates
Nathan Franklin
Edmund Goodenow
James Glesen
John Cole
John Scott
Nahum Goodenow
Noah Whitman
Nehemiah Man
Gideon Burnham
Jer^{h} Tinkham
Ephraim Robbines
Joshua Warner, Jr
David Darby
Reuben Kendal
Israel Goodenow
Josiah Hacket
Jonas Robbins
Nathaniel Daggott
Samuel Works
Jonathan Goodenough
Jonathan Cole 3^{d}
John Vezey
Moses Bennet
Fortunatus Glezen
Daniel Johnson
David Robins
William Day
Willis Johnson
David Stacy
Gideon Gilbert
Moses White
Asa Goodenow
David Robinson
John Doyl
Ephraim Brown
Job Warner
Joseph Boynton
Alex^{r} Trotter
Seth Gilbert
John Robbins
Samuel How
Jonah Edson
Benjamin Rogers
Jeptha Dow
Daniel Keys
John Warner
Joshua Warner
Micah Read
Eleasor Robins, Jr
Daniel Blachard
Moses Brown
David Winchester
Jonathan Winchester
Robert Robins
Elijah Temple
Archelaus Temple
Isaac Leach
Josiah Leach
Increas Chamberlain
John Cooper
Reuben Tarbell
Philip Willbore
Seth Leach
Isaac Chamberlain
130.

In Obediance to this Declaration that we Rec^{d} from your Honours we prosceded according to your Directions and the persons Names under written in this Collom are those that Refuse to sign to the Declaration on your paper.

Westmorland June 12th 1776.

BENJAMIN PIERCE
EBENEZER BRITTUN } Selectmen of Westmorland.
HEBER MILLER

Mr William Goddard
Lenord Keen
Job Chamberlain
Aaron Brown
Daniel Gates
John Butterfield.
6.

SIGNERS IN WILTON.

Hart Balch
Daniel Batchelder
Joshua Blanchard
Ephraim Baker
Jon^{a} Burton
Ebenezer Chandler

Jeremiah Holt
Joseph Snow
Daniel Barker
William Abbot
George Coburn
Benj^a Rideout
Jeremiah Abbot
Georg. Blanchard
Theodore Stevens
Uriah Smith
Eph^m Peabody
Abner Stiles
Thomas Lewis
Jonathan Livermore
Joseph Holt
Abiel Abbot
Jn^o Burton, Jur
Jn^o Martin
N. Ballard
Joseph Abbot, Jr
Benjamin Steel
David Blanchard
Uriah Ballard
Jonas Perry
Richard King
Abraham Burton
Isaac Peabody
Timothy Gray, Sen
John Cram
John Cram, Jr.
Nathan Hesseltine
Thomas Towne
Nath^n Hesseltine
William Patterson
Samuel Hutchinson
Jacob Putnam
William Bayl(?)
Ebenezer Perry
Benjamin Parker
Henry Parker
mark
Archelus |+ Wilkens
his

Jonathan Hartshorn
Simon Keyes
John Brown
Joseph Abbot
Caleb Putnam
Nathaniel Greele
Nathaniel Putnam
John Buxton
John Stevens
Isaac Peabody, Jr
Timothy Dale
Abraham Butterfield
Enoch Fuller
Jon^a Parkhurst
Timothy Gray, Jr
Timothy Hall
John Keyes
Fifield Holt
William Goldsmith
John Dale, Jr
William Bayl Jr
Daniel Kenney
Amos Holt
Thomas Russell
Joseph Holt, Jr
Ebenezer Cram
Joseph Phelps
Joseph Cram
Jos: Butterfield
Ashby Morgan
Josiah Parker
Ebenezer Brown
Amos Coburn
Fifield Holt, Jr
Simeon Holt
Philip Putnam
Jacob Abbott
Timothy Holt
Joel Taylor
Elisha Hudson
Amos Fuller
David Kenney

William Brown
Stephen Blanchard
James Dascombe
Richard Whitney
John Dale
William Pierce
Samuel Shelden
Silas Buss
George Hutchinson
Phinehas Farington
William Abbot, Jr
Jonathan Greele
Abijah Perry
Bartholemew Stevens
Willom Grimes
James Grimes
Robert Watherspoon
John Craig
Robert Craig
Samuel Sharley
Abiel Holt
his
Alexander 𝒟 Milliken
mark
Stephen Buss
Joseph Stiles
Samuel Lovejoy
Henry Lovejoy
Benj^n Blanchard
Jonathan Cram
Archelaus Putnam, Jr
John Burton
Jacob Putnam, Jr
Daniel Holt
Stephen Butterfield
Ezra Johnson
James Sharley
Alexander Sharley
John M^{c}Farland
Samuel Webster
William Letch

128.

Wilton June ye 3^d 1776.

In obedience to the within Resolve of the committee of Safty for the Colony of New Hampshire, we the Subscribers have Desired all Males above Twenty one Years of age, that are Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton to sign to the within Declaration, and but two have Refused or neglected to sign (viz) Captain *Eph^m Butterfield* and *Archalus Putnam*, whose names we hereby Return to the General Court or Committee of Safty for the afore^{sd} Colony, in Obeydiance to within Direction. 2.

Richard Tayler } Selectmen
Jacob Adams } of Wilton.

SIGNERS IN WINCHESTER.

Sam^{l} Ashley
Ebn^{r}Alexander
Nath Rockwood
Reuben Alexander
William Humphrey
Gains Field
Elijah Dodge
William Holmes
Henry Bond
Israel Stowel
Nathaniel Wilder
William Dodge
Benjamin Wilson
Elijah Dodge, Jr
Asa Alexander
Ebe^{r} Scott
Abraham Scott
Nehemiah Houghton
James Latham
Thomas Hukings, Jr
Nathan Twitchel
Samuel Very
Alexander M^{c}Dowell
Amos Willard
Francis Very
John Atkin
Joseph Marbel
Samuel Bond
David Cady
Adonijah Fasset
Elijah Houghton
John Higgans
Ebenezer Taylor
Joseph Stowel
Reuben Rockwood

Nath^{l} Lawrence Jr
Ichabod Franklin, 3d
Abisha Carpenter
Daniel Owen
Sam^{ll} Scott
Joseph Right
John Curtis
Nathaniel Chase
Jeremiah Hatch
John Stearns
John Peirce, Jr
Asahel Jewell
Seth Brett
Philip Goss
Ichabod Franklin, Jr
Andrew Putnam
Simon Chamberlain
Zachariah Field
Arthur Latham
James Whitney
Ziba Wane
Stephen Franklin
Henry Miles
Samuel Wright
Isaac Scott
James Franklin
Daniel Smith
John Alexander
Joseph Latham
Joshua Feild
John Butler, Jr
Henry Foster
Samu^{ll} Healy
David Dery

John Hakag (?)
Samuel Fasset
Nathiel Lawrence
Stetson Holmes
Daniel Ashley
Nathaniel Oak
Waitstell Field
Ebenezer Scotts, Jr
Jonathan Wood
Elisha Smith
Elihu Field
Isaac Huckens
Moses Fay
Benjamin Freeman
Joshua Whitemore
Theod Watkin
Thomas Hutchins
Ezra Parker
Jeremiah Pratt
Zebulon Streeter
Nehemiah Healy
Seth Alexander
Stephen Belding
Josiah Stebbens
Abel Hammond
Ezekiel Kemp
Israel Field
Robart Newton
Seth Brett, Jr
Moses Belding
Amasa Burt
Gershom Roberts
Amaziah Robards
Stephen Putnam

103.

According to the within Resolve of the General Congress we have called a meeting & it appears that all the before mentioned Signers have agreed to stand by the within Covenant

William Humphrey } Select
Israel Stowel } men

Winchester June 3^{d} 1776.

Enoch Stowel Absent } *Supous are willing* to
Asa Rockwood Sick } sine the within Covenant

Winchester June y^{e} 3^{d} 1776.

Will^{m} Humphrey } Select
Israel Stowell } men

Col^{o} Josiah Willard
the Rev^{d} Micah Lawrence
Paul Richardson
Capt Samuel Smith
Bengman Melven
Benjman Melven, Jr
Simon Willard
Elijah Willard
Prentice Willard
Bengman Wright
John Gould
Thomas Gould
Ebenezer Killom
Samson Willard
John Peirce

15.

The Above Reting Names Refuse to Sine the within Covenant—

May y^{e} 3^{d} 1776.

William Humphrey } Select
Israel Stowel } men

SIGNERS IN WYNDHAM.

Hugh Graham, Jr
Will^{m} Gregg, Jr
Alexander M^{c}Cay
John Campbell
Henry Campbell
Robert Park
David Gregg
William Gregg
David Gregg Jr
Thomas Gregg
James Campbell
Arthur Darrah
Alexander Gregg
Williams Dinsmoor
John Cochran Jr
Alex Simpson
John Morison
Adam Templeton
Nath^{l} Campbell
Allen Hopkins
Thos: Wilson
Dan^{l} M^{c}Craine
George Davidson
James Betton
John Anderson
Joseph Clyd
John Dinsmoor
John Davidson
John Simson
William Simson
Samuel M. Adam
Isaac Thorn
Benj^{m} Thorn
Robt M^{c}Alvaine
John Clyd
Alexdr Park
Joseph Smith
James Richey
Alexander Merrow
John Cochran
James Cochran
Rob^{t} Dinsmoor
William Rowell
Will^{m} Jameson
Isaac Cochran
Thomas Jameson
David Hopkins
Robert Smith
Jefferry Donnough
James Gilmore
James Jameson
George Wilson
Moses Duty
James Dinsmoor
William Dikey
John Armstrong Jr
Sam^{l} Morison
Andrew Park
Alexander Park
Will^{m} Thorn
Tim^{o} Ladd
Timothy Ladd, Jr
Eliphalet Ladd
Andrew Armor
Robert Spear
Alexander Richey
David Davidson
Nehemiah Hadley
Alex^{r} Wilson
Hugh Brown
James Caldwell
David Currier
David Armstrong
John Armstrong
Sam^{l} Wilson
Ebenezer Hall
John Kyel
Hugh Clyd

John Wilson
Simon Williams
Peter Merrill
Peter Merrill, Jr
James Wilson
Alex^{r} Richey
Hugh Graham
John M^{c}Cay
Thomas M^{c}Cay
James Davidson
Sam^{l} Campbel
William Shed
Henry Campbell
Nathaniel Hemphill
Robert Hemphill
Gain Armour
John Morrow
John Miller. 96.

State of New Hampshire, Windham,
August the 26th 1776.

To the Honorable Committee of Safty of this State the foregoing Request hath been Punctually observed. Not with standing *Leiut Abraham Reed Mathew Reed*, *Amos Merrill*, hath Refused or Neglected to sign the foregoing Declaration.

3.

Alex^{r} Wilson
Sam^{l} Morison } Selectmen
Nehemiah Hadley

CORRESPONDENCE.

Between the time of adjournment, July 6, and the meeting of the General Assembly, September 4th, 1776, the following Correspondence, &c., relating to public affairs, took place.—Ed.

ALARM ON THE FRONTIERS.

Proceedings at a meeting in Hanover, 5th July, 1776.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 59.]

At a meeting of several Adjacent Towns at the College Hall, on Friday the 5th Day of July 1776, (viz.) Lyme, Hanover, Lebanon, Thetford, Norwich and Hartford.

Chosen—Amos Robinson, Clerk.

Chosen, Deacon Nehemiah Estabrook, Moderator.

Voted, To raise 50 men Exclusive of officers to Repair to Royalton, to fortifie in that Town & scout from thence to Onion River & Newbury.

Voted—To apoint one Captain & two Subalterns.

Voted—To apoint Mr. David Woodward, Captain.

Voted—To apoint Mr. Joshua Hazzen first Lieut.

Voted—To apoint Mr. Abel Lyman second Lieut.

Voted—To apoint a Committee of three men to Direct the Building of the fort at Royalton & furnish s^{d} Fort with all necessary supplies.

Chosen, Esq^{r} Joel Marsh, Mr. Isaac Morgan, & Maj^{r} John Slapp to be s^{d} Committee.

Voted—To raise 250 men Exclusive of officers to go to Newbury to fortifie, scout & guard there for three months unless sooner discharged.

Voted—To apoint Capt. Abner Seelys Maj^{r} of the last mentioned Department.

Voted,—To divide s^{d} 250 into four Companys.

Voted—To apoint Mr. Levi Willard, Mr. Oliver Ashley and Mr. Samuel Paine to be Captains.

Voted—That the Captains apoint their Subaltons.

Voted—To apoint a Committee of three men to Direct & order the affairs of the Newbury Department

Voted—That Col^{o} Bailey, Col^{o} Johnson & Col^{o} Olcutt be s^{d} Committee.

Voted,—That this Committee engage to that the officers & soldiers in both the afore mentioned Departments be honourably paid for their services.

Voted—To dismiss this meeting—it is accordingly dismist.

A true copy taken from the Minutes

Test: Pr me, Amos Robinson, Clerk.

Petition from Lebanon, askiny assistance.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 67.]

Province of New Hampshire:

Lebanon, 6th July, 1776.

To the Honourable Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire:

May it Please your Honours:

The Necessitous & alarming circumstances the Inhabitants are under in these infant & frontier Towns, since the army have retreated to Crown Point out of the Province of Canada, leaving a Large Extent of our frontiers open to the Ravages of the Savage Indians, being almost Destitute of arms & amunition, & many of our Inhabitants Leaving their houses & fields for a prey to our Enemys;—We humbly trust your Honours will compassionate and aford us such Relief as you in your wisdom shall judge Necessary from time to time; Especially at this present time. We would inform your Honours that the Committees of several adjacent Towns met together & agreed to Raise three Hundred men to build Garisons and scout for our Defence, as you will see by a coppy of the proceedings of s^d committee, which I send you here Enclosed: But as we are destitute of arms, amunition & money we are fearfull it will in a great measure prove abortive: and this only alternative left us: Either such as can to make their Escape into the Lower Towns, or fall a sacrifice to our Ememies. We therefore pray your Honours would aford us imediate Relief in the premises, as it is of the utmost importance to us all; and we shall as in duty bound ever Pray.

In behalf of the Committee.

Nehemiah Estabrook, Chairman.

Letter from J. Hurd Esq:—appeal for help.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 69.]

Concord, 7th July, 1776.

Sir—

By several persons I have met with on the Road coming from Coho'os & by the best Intelligence I can collect, I find the Inhabitants there, especially those on and near Connecticut River, from the upper & the lower Coho'os are much more alarmed & apprehensive of danger from the Enemy than we imagine; several Familys are already remov'd & moving from thence—among the rest, I have found Mrs. Hurd with part of my family(1) here at Concord, who was advised by the most discrete of the people to leave the place, unless she could submit to live, as they must do, crouded into a Garrison, & w^{ch} they were all prepering for. The particulars of this, the Bearer, Col^o Bayley who goes Express on y^e occasion can acquaint you of; and of the very critical situation of all that part of the Country—that it is of the utmost consequence the first of the reinforcements w^{ch} can be raised, shou'd be sent into that Quarter & immediately.

It is yet uncertain whether General Sullivan has retreated to Crown Point; here is a person in Town (one Kinsman (2)) who was at Otter

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(1) The residence of Mr. Hurd and family was Haverhill, on Connecticut River.—Ed.

(2) (Note). This man also informs, that Messrs Gyles & Betton, whom he heard of on the road, had altered their course & were gone to Albany.

Creek this day week, within 20 miles of Crown Point, he tells us there was then no acc^{t} of Sullivan's having cross'd the Lake, but was thou't still to be at Isle au Noix, or not far distant; and if so it may be best that great part of the new Levies shou'd rendezvous at Coho'os as at first designed—they might then by ranging y^{e} woods give some check to the Enemy & draw off part of their Forces from pursuing Gen^{l} Sullivan's army, as well as be a protection to our Settlers who must otherwise desert many of their plantations & loose the Benefit of the approach^{g} Harvest, that is now very promising—this may be a double help to us. I shall proceed on my Journey tomorrow for Haverhill, leaving my wife here, and if any thing important occurs, immediately advise you; but must beg leave to repeat my request, that we may have some very speedy assistance; why may not Capt. Harper's Company if muster'd, or any other first in readiness, march off for this purpose? It can be no detriment, & little out of the way, should they afterwards be order'd to Crown Point. Shall be glad to hear something of this sort by return of Col^{o} Bayley, for the Quiet of our people.

In the mean while remain with great esteem & Respect to you & the Gen^{t} of y^{e} Committee of Safety, Sir;

your most obed^{t} hum^{le} serv^{t}.

J. HURD.

The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq.

Petition from Conway, for assistance.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 71.]

To the Honourable the Council and Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire.

The Petition of the Committee of Safety in & for the Town of Conway in the County of Grafton and Colony aforesaid—humbly Sheweth :

That on the twenty-ninth of June last we were alarmed by an Account from Onion River by Coos of the Retreat of the Continental army under the command of General Sullivan to St. Johns, and on Sunday we sent off Nathaniel *Merne ?* Express to Coos for further particulars ; who returned last Night with account of their Retreat to Crown Point Except a guard of about 1500 men left at *Isl-u-nox*, with many other alarming surcomstances accompanying this.

By a memoriale from a joint Committee of this town together with Fryeburg and Brownsfield in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, you will be acquainted with the situation of this place; and by the removal of the Inhabitants of the Upper Coos that lays to the Northwestward lay us intirely open to the Savages, and except we are Suported we shall be obbliged to Leave these parts likewise we would farther sugest that a party of men stationed here to send out Reconnoitering partys from Soco River to Androscoggin River and elsewhere would be a guard to the frontiers in this part of the Colony and the Northwesterly part of the province of Main : and a Number of the Inhabitants are Destitute of fire-arms and Ammunition and are not able to procure them at present without the aid of Court: We therefore in behalfe of Said Inhabitants pray your honors to take our situation and surcumstances into your wise consideration, and furnish the inhabitants of this Town with 20 fire arms, one hundred weight powder, two hundred of lead, five hundred flints, and if you think the frontiers of this part of the Colony is in danger to Station such a party of men att this place as in your wisdom shall think propper for their protection as above mentioned ; and we in Duty bound shall ever pray, & will be accountable for what arms, & ammunition is sent for said inhabitants.

ANDREW McMILLAN
THO^s MERRILL
DAVID PAGE — Committee.
JOSHUA HEATH
EBENEZER BURBANK

July 7th, 1776.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Ira Allen.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 53.]

Onion River, July 10th 1776.

GENTⁿ

Learn you are alarmed at the Retreat of our Army out of Canada. Can Assure you the Savages have kill'd & scalp'd a number of men by the River La Cole on the West Side of Lake Champlain; When they will visit us or you is uncertain: Advise you to look sharp & keep scouts out, but not to move except some families much remote from y^e main Inhabitants. Last Saturday was at Crown Point with General Sullivan; he assured me he would do all in his power to protect the Frontier settlements.

I proposed a line of Forts by this River to Cohos; he said he believ'd that to be the best place and made no doubt, but it would be done: he immediately ordered Col^o Waite & 200 men to this place, here to remain and grant all protection in his power to the Inhabitants: before I left there, General Schuyler, Gates & Arnold Arrived. I conclude there is a Determination before this time in regard to all the Fronteers; I make no doubt but a Line of Block Forts is agreed on by all from this River to Yours & so round your Frontiers. Had Intelligence from St. Johns about twelve days ago, our Enemy had but one hundred Tents w^{ch} at most cou'd not be more than six hundred men—they appeared not to be in much preparation for War; at Chamblee was but few men. Is thou't by some the Enemy are busy in sending provisions & clothing to all the Garrisons near the Head of the River St. Lawrence, and supply the Indians with all necessaries. The Small pox has almost gone thro' our Army; they are much better on Acc^t of their Health than they were; Gundaloes are build^g, the vessels are preparing for War, I hope in a short time they will be able to beat all the powers of Britain on this Lake. Crown Point is proposed for Head Quarters. In haste,

IRA ALLEN.

Orders to Benjamin Giles, Esq.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 73.]

Colony of New Hamp^r } To Benjamin Giles, Esqr.

Whereas the General Court of this Colony have been notified that one Capt. Farnsworth of Connecticut is appointed by the Commissary

General of the Connecticut Forces to provide for the New Hampshire Troops at Connecticut River, on their Rout to Crown Point: But as our Troops are near ready to march, and that they may not be delayed at No. 4, if any thing should hinder Capt. Farnsworth from having provision ready; you are desired to proceed with all possible dispatch to said No. 4, and find whether any provision is there made for the afores^d^ men or likely to be seasonably made; and if not to purchase and transport to said No. 4, with all speed, nine thousand pounds weight of Pork & the like quantity of Bread, and deliver the several Companies of New Hampshire men as they arrive there, to each man six days provision, allowing a pound of Pork and a pound of Bread pr day. You will, if no other provision is made, provide and have ready to deliver to the first Companies that arrive, what provision you can collect in that neighbourhood, while you are in the mean time collecting more; And for what Provisions you may Buy you may engage the money to be paid as soon as you can send to Exeter therefor,—which will be ready there in ten days from this time. Be expeditious by all means; and when you have performed the said Business make return to the Committee, unless you should have an opportunity to settle the same with said Capt. Farnsworth.

By order of the Committee.

Ch: P. T.

Portsmouth Instructions to their Representatives.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 77.]

Colony of New Hampshire }
Rockingham SS. }
Portsmouth July 31st 1776.

At a meeting of the freeholders & others Inhabitants of said Portsmouth, pr adjournment, Among other things, Voted, That the Representatives of this Town at the General Assembly be instructed for the following purposes, viz:

1st That they do their utmost endeavour to procure the enactment of a Law that from & after the Dissolution of this present Assembly that no member of any future Assembly hold any other place in government than his seat in said Assembly, & that when any such shall be chosen & accept of a place, his seat shall become vacant & a new Writ issue to his Constituents for a new choice.

2^{dly} That they do not consent that any Person should hold more than one place in Government at a time.

3^{dly} That they do in the most effectual manner secure to the people of this State their inherent Rights of being judg'd & Govern'd in the least prejudicial manner.

4th That they nor any other Representative in future shall consent to any alteration, Innovation or abridgment of the Constitutional Form that may be adopted without first consulting their constituents in a matter of so much importance to their Safety.

A true Copy—

Attest. JOHN PENHALLOW, Town Clerk.

Portsmouth, Aug^{t} 7th 1776.

Commission for Col. Isaac Wyman.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 79.]

In Committee of Safety, July 11th 1776.

SIR—I send you by the Bearer your Commission as Col° of a Regiment of our Militia in the service; also Thirty Pounds as Two months advance wages. As the Troops will be along in a few days, it is expected you will go forward with them to Crown Point & join the army there. The Captains Drew, Chandler, Shepard, Dearborn, Blanchard, Harper, Parker and Weatherbee with their Companys, are to make your Regiment; as it is of great consequence that the men are forwarded with Speed, Therefore Expect you will do what is in your power that they make [*no?*] delay at No. 4. You will also receive thirty Two Pounds for two months advance wages for your Surgeon, Adjutant & Quarter Master with this, and Blank Commissions for those officers to be appointed by you. Imploring the divine assistance on your Endeavours to serve your country and that you may return in Safety with Laurels of victory, is the sincere desire of him, who

In behalf of the Committee subscribes himself
Your very Humb^{l} Serv^{t}.

Col. Isaac Wyman.

Orders to Capt. David Woodward.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 81.]

Colony of New Hampshire
In Committee of Safety, July 11th, 1776.
To Capt. DAVID WOODWARD of Hanover—

You are hereby authorized to Enlist Thirty men to serve under you as soldiers for three months unless sooner discharged, to serve as Scouting parties to Explore the woods & watch or oppose the motions of enemies coming against our Frontier settlements, taking orders from time to time directing your Rout, from Col°. Jacob Bayley, Col° John Hurd, and Col° Charles Johnson, or any two of them, a Committee appointed for that purpose. You are to take special care to Enlist none but good able Bodied Effective men fit for such service, and they shall [be] paid the same wages (viz. Forty shillings per month) as the Provincial Troops raised and stationed for the particular defence of this Colony,—and you shall be paid four pounds per month for your service, & one Subaltern under you three pounds ten shillings per month. You are also to provide Provisions for your Company giving them such allowance as is delivered other Troops in the Army, for which you shall be paid on exhibiting an Acc^{t}. You are to appoint out of the number of men as above Two Sergeants, whose pay is forty-eight shillings each.

Letter from Committee in Kittery, to the Committee of Correspondence in Portsmouth.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 83.]

Kittery, July 12th, 1776.

Gentlemen—The Committee of Correspondence &c. for this Town have receiv'd a Letter from y^{e} Committee of Correspondence for Boston of the following import: viz: That they have information, and reason sufficient to induce them to believe, that a communication has been kept up between our Enemies ships & some of our small boats, and that they have tho't it necessary for the common safety, to order that no Boats or vessel be suffered in future to leave the Town without special permission, and that they have confined the fishing Boats within the Limits of one League from the shore. We therefore think it expedient to advise you of this measure recommended to us, as without your coming into a similar one, it will be of no effect. Wherefore we shall be much oblidge to you for your opinion hereupon and what methods you propose to take respecting this matter, and are with respect, your most Humb^{le} Servants.

In the name & by order of the Committee,

John H. Bartlet,
Chairman.

Letter to the Selectmen of New Market.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 85.]

In Committee of Safety, July 12th, 1776.

To the Selectmen of New-Market,

Gentlemen—The Committee feel the greatest anxiety, and are strongly depressed with the account from New Market, that any Internal Broil should in the least obstruct the forwarding those things so absolutely necessary for the preservation of all that is dear to us. Probably a Neglect of speedily Reinforcing our Northern Army may occasion the Slaughter of our Bosom Friends & Innocent offspring, while we are mingled in the common carnage. The truly forward and Patriotic Disposition often shown by the Inhabitants of New Market, in the common cause, convince the Committee that they will not now attend to any particular dificulty and neglect the main object, while their neighbours are nobly exerting themselves at this important time. Therefore they desire you will with all possible speed, call a meeting of all the Inhabitants of your Town, and proceed to raise the men proportioned to you in Col^{o} Gilman's Regiment; at which time Col^{o} Gilman will attend & lend you all the assistance in his power to accomplish so noble and so necessary a purpose.

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Letter from Capt. Robert Parker.

[State Pap. Rev^{n}. Vol. IV. p. 87.]

Lee, July 13th, 1776.

Gentlemen—I am to inform you that I have just Rec^{d} a letter from e r Bigerat, Esq., Merchant in Martinico, who informs me that there has been a great Scarcity of Provisions there; owing to a number of vessels being detained in France on account of contrary Winds. On the 6th of May was the first arrival for a long time, & since up to 14th of the above month, 14 sail has arrived and has brought one hundred thousand weight of Gunpowder & a great many Chests of fire arms & great quantaties of course Woolen Cloths, thare is Likewis 12 sail of ships expected ourly with 10,000 or 12,000 weight of Powder in each vessell: he further adds, There is not a Board nor a Cod fish in the Island & you may have Imediate Dispatch & a great Price for the above articles. Therefore if your Honours think fit to send a vessell with fish & Lumber, I think there is a Great Prospect of making a good Voyage and little or no daugour of being taken as there is no Cruisers on this Course, and will be chiefly hau'd up in the West Indies on account of the hurricane months. If your Honnours sees fitt to hire a vessell & send for the above purpose, I know of one that is a good sailor & will answer, & shall be glad to serve you in so good a cause, if you think me worthy of being trusted as a master and am with Respect your most obedient Humble servant,

Robt Parker.

N. B. My letter was dated the 14th of May. He says Powder was 5*s*. 10*d*. on account of our vessells weighting there so long, but it has since fell a great Deal & he thinks it will be less. The first vessels that goes there will get Woolen Goods cheap & I fear they will be much wanted in our Army next winter.

[No address.] R. Parker.

Instructions to Capt. Jeremiah Eames.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 89.]

In Committee of Safety, July 13th 1776.

To Capt. Jeremiah Eames.

You are hereby authorised to Enlist Fifty good able bodied and effective men officers included, to serve as soldiers under you for three months (unless sooner discharged) as scouting parties to make their head Quarters at Great Cohoss, not taking more than Ten of the Inhabitants of said Great Cohoss in the number: And you are to make return as often as you can conveniently of your Routs, discoverys &c. to Cols Bayley, Hurd, and Colo Johnson at lower Cohoss, and take their Instructions from time to time for your future conduct. The men you Enlist are to be paid thirty shillings as a Bounty, and assure them they shall receive forty shillings pr month when your Roll is made up; and the Company are to choose a Lieut. Ensign & 2 Sergts; you as Captain shall receive £6, your Lieutenants £4, and Ensigns £3, Each Sergt 48*s* per month. The Capt. Lieuts. & Ensns to receive no Bounty.

Letter from Majr Jonathan Child.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 91.]

Chester, July 14th 1776.

To the Committee of Safety.

Gentlemen—Pursuant to my directions I proceeded to Ipswich, Salem & Marblehead in Quest of Guns—purchased Twenty three the price about ten dollars each. Also by Col° Bayleys advice Bought 200 w^t of Lead, the amount of the whole is 77£. am Forwarding the same as fast as possible. Have received the guns you lodged at Mr. Webster's; the expences of Buying, Frate &c. I cannot now ascertain; will forward an account soon as possible. Aney Commands you may have further for me shall be punctually complied with. In haste am Gentlemen your very humble serv^{t}

JONA. CHILD.

Letter from Committee in Moultonborough, to Jonathan Moulton, of Hampton.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 93.]

Moultonborough, 15th July, 1776.

SIR—

By Daniel Beede, Esq. we understand there was a Prospect of obtaining on proper security from the Treasury, a sum of Money to purchase Fire-arms for this almost defenceless town. Esq. Beede inform'd us you were so good as to tell him you wou'd join him in Security for the money on a day appointed, which day he was obliged to leave Court on Express, & he agreed with Capt. Josiah Moulton to join with you for security for the money in his stead, by which we flatter ourselves you may have obtained the money. We, together with Lieut. Jam^{s} Brown (who waits on you with this) were chosen a Committee for this Town to purchase the Guns; Lieut. Brown goes on purpose to consult you on the matter, receive the money if it can be had, & purchase the Guns, if they are to be bought. If any difficulty shou'd arise in your mind, in taking his security singly, we here engage to indemnify you in letting him have the Money & will with him be answerable for the payment of the same agreeable to the tenor of the obligation he may give for the Money.

We beg, Sir, your forwarding the matter as you 'll much oblige the Inhabitants here as well as,

your most hum^{bl} serv^{ts}

BRADBERY RICHARDSON
NATHANIEL AMBROS.

To Jonathan Moulton, Esq.

Letter to the Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 97.]

In Committee of Safety, at Exeter, July 16th, 1776.

SIR—

This moment the Committee were Honoured with the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant Inclosing a Declaration seperating the United States of America from any connection with Great Britain, and for their being Independent States. It is with pleasure we assure you, that notwithstanding a very few months since many Persons in this Colony were greatly averse to any thing that look'd like Independence of Great Britain, the late measures planned & Executing against us, have so altered their opinions that such a Declaration was what they most ardently wished for; and I verily believe it will be received with great satisfaction throughout the Colony, a very few Individuals excepted. The 1500 of our Militia requested to recruit the army in Canada are mostly raised. One Company marched from Portsmouth yesterday; more are coming forward, and I believe most of them will march this week. No cloth fit for Tents could be procured in this Colony, and the men must remain destitute unless they can be supplied from Southward. That he who putteth down Potentates & setteth up States, may guard & protect the United States of America is the most fervent and sincere desire of your obedient Hum^b^ serv^t^

(Copy.)

P. S. The General Court & Committee of Safety sit at Exeter, where you will please to direct in future. This Express went 30 miles out of his way by being directed to Portsmouth.

Letter from Capt. William Barron to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. IV. p. 99.]

Merrimack, July 16th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—In consequence of the orders I Rec^d^ from Maj^r^ General Folsom for Raising sixteen men out of the Company under my Command (in this Town) for the service in Canada, I have Raised thirteen Good effective men who are all well Equipt. I am myself chosen to the command w^ch^ make fourteen in the whole. Caleb Stevens an inhabitant of this town inlisted into said service & pass'd muster before the Date of my orders. I have called upon Capt. John Chamberlain & Sons who Treated my Lieut. (the messenger) & myself with great abuse & ill language & Refused to assist by man or money. Mess^rs^ Charity Lund, Robert Nesmith, Samuel Gibson, jun, Michael Dalton & James Taylor have all utterly refused to Lend any assistance. I have received Orders from the Muster master to march my men forthwith; I shall pay strict obedience thereto,—I wish it may be in my power to give a good account of the Enemy on my return from Canada.

I am, Gentlemen, with Great Respect,
Your most Hum^bl^ Servt.
WILLIAM BARRON.

Hon^ble^ Com^tee^ of Safety,

Letter from Col. John Hurd.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. IV. p. 101.]

Haverhill (Coho'os,) 16th July, 1776.

SIR—

I have heard nothing from Exeter since I wrote pr. Col^o^ Bayley from Concord; upon my coming into this Town last Tuesday, I found the people had been in great consternation about the Indians, as I before advis'd, that most of the women and children had come down from Upper Coho'os thro' fear, & got into Garrison—the Haverhill folks having collected together in different parts of the Town & built several picketted Forts with good Breast-work of large pine Logs; and in

Bath & Gunthwaite above us they had done the same; otherwise the Upper Towns had been wholly deserted. I endeavored to quiet them all in my power by assuring 'em, that besides the Force raising to go into Canada, we should have a sufficient number to protect us on our Frontier, w^{ch} wou'd soon be along; but 'tis with difficulty they can be perswaded to think so; and some ill-minded persons, before Mr. Jon^{a} Hale came up with y^{e} powder & fire arms, took pains to propagate that we should be neglected, and seriously proposed, if neither our assembly nor the Massachusetts wou'd send us speedy assistance the best way to preserve ourselves from the Insults of the Savages, was to send over to Gen. Burgoyne, acquaint him of our weak condition & ask his protection: And this might very easily be done, did the enemy know our circumstances & had Forces to spare; nothing but their Ignorance of the Geographical part of the country, or want of strength, does prevent it. This was Brush's plan, & I am really surprised when I reflect on the Danger, that our Assemblys are not more attentive to it—'tis certainly our weakest side.

The Haverhill & Newbury Committee have kept constant scouts going for some time past between Lake Champlain & this River, and by the last that came in, we have Letters (copys of w^{ch} I herewith transmit) that give us some Encouragement. By a Scout that went out yesterday to Onion River & another to Crown Point, I took the Liberty to write General Sullivan & Col^{o} Waite inform^{g} them what our Gen^{l} Court had done lately & how we imagin'd ourselves most exposed to the Enemy, w^{ch} I hope may be some way serviceable.

There has been many Reports spread here of Indians being seen & scouts fir'd at, but upon further search have prov'd groundless, & the people in general appear more compos'd; some are returning to work in their plantations, but leave their wives & children here, as the securest place. What has already happen'd has been considerable Damage to the new Settlements.

The bearer, Mr. Atkinson of Boscawen can inform of further particulars that you may please to inquire respecting our Circumstances here, as he with a number of others from the Towns below came up volunteers for our assistance on the first alarm. He has been good enough to send us two swivel Guns or small field pieces that has laid for some years at Boscawen, perhaps since last War (belonging as they suppos'd to y^{e} Province) for the use of our Forts, and tells us there's two more at Canterbury, under Esq^{r} Clough's care, w^{ch} may be very useful to us. I beg the favor he may have y^{e} Direction of the Committee of Safety to forward them also. They are no service where they lye & can be easily transported here.

I wish to hear that some part of y^{e} Detachm^{t} design'd for our protection were upon their march. If we had but a small company to guard the settlements at upper Coho'os for the present, it would be a great satisfaction to the People & some among us talk of going on that Duty for a fortnight or three weeks as volunteers, to chance their pay —if no companys appear in a——[The remainder of the letter is torn off.—Ed.]

Order respecting Samuel Dyer of Berwick.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 105.]

In Committee of Safety, July 18th, 1776.

Samuel Dyer, an inhabitant of Berwick in the County of York & Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, being bro't before the Committee charged with being unfriendly to the Liberties of this Country ; and after hearing his Defence, and considering the matters objected against him, the Committee do determine that the Said Samuel Dyer ought to confine himself to the aforesd Town of Berwick, and in no case to come within the Limits of this Colony under pain of Imprisonment, unless Capt. John Langdon should see fit to receive him aboard the Continental Frigate under his care at Portsmouth, in which case he may Enlist and continue in that service.

By order of the Committee.

Orders to Col^o Joshua Wingate.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 107.]

Colony of N. Hampshire—

In Committee of Safety, July 17th, 1776.

To Col^o JOSHUA WINGATE—

You are directed to repair to Charles Town, on Connecticut River, and there take charge of such companies, as you may find there, whose officers are commissionated under you, and take all necessary care with the persons appointed at that place to supply the Troops, to have the soldiers fixt off, taking their Rout for Crown Point or Ticonderoga, or the place where the Continental Army may be; and when you have done what appears necessary to you to do at Charles Town, you will proceed forward and join the Continental Army as aforesaid, putting yourself and Regiment under the command of the General and Commander in Chief of said Army. If no Continental officer has made provision at Charlestown for the soldiers you will apply to Benjamin Giles, Esq^r appointed by the Colony to deliver six days provision at marching, to last the troops to Crown Point.

By order of the Committee, M. W.

Direction for Col. Jacob Bailey about raising men.

[State Pap. Revⁿ. Vol. IV. p. 109.]

Colony of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety, July 18th, 1776.

To Col^o JACOB BAILEY—The Committee are in expectation that you will accomplish your desire of keeping in Continental pay by order of General Washington, the Sixty men employed by you to clear a Road to Canada ; and as you have tho't fit to desist working on said Road, that you now employ them as Scouting parties to Guard the Country. But if you should be directed to disband them, you are hereby Impowered to Enlist fifty men to be under the pay of this Colony until the first of December next, unless sooner discharged ; and see that the men fairly choose a Captain, Lieutenant & Ensign to command them. Said Company, if raised to take orders from time to time from yourself, Col°. John Hurd and Col°. Charles Johnson, to direct their conduct; Said men to receive thirty shillings Bounty, and fifty shillings per month.

Letter from the Chairman of Portsmouth Committee respecting Capt. Roach.

[State Pap. Rev^{n}. Vol. IV. p. 111.]

Portsmouth, 19th July, 1776.

GENT^{n}.—Capt. Roach in the Schooner Polly having cleared from this Port to the Eastward with a cargo consisting of 2 hhds. of Salt, 20 Bushells of Corn, 300 lbs Tobacco, 3 bbls Rum, & 3 bbs Cyder, sundry of the Inhabitants of this Town have made application to us to forbid his departure supposing the risque too great at this time. We have had Capt. Roach before us and he acquaints us that he intends to go to St. Peters, and to carry with him exclusive of the above articles, Cash sufficient to purchase a Cargo there of such Commodities as he supposes will be suitable for this Markett.

We think it our duty to inform you of this matter and have desired Capt. Roach to wait on you to request your opinion thereon.

I am, by Order of the Com^{tee} of Safety,
Gent^{n}, your most hhb^{l} serv^{t},
H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

To the Hon^{bl} the
Com^{tee} of Safety, Exeter.

Letter relating to Mrs. Livius. (1)

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 113.]

Portsm° 19th July, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Mrs. Livius having inform'd this Committee that she was about to apply to you for leave to depart this place in order to proceed to her Husband at Quebec, We beg leave to acquaint you that the Situation of her Family is such as that we should think it expedient.

Maj^{r} Meigs & Capt. Dearborn inform us that Mr. Livius interested himself with General Carlton to obtain leave for them to revisit their Families, & that in return for his kindness they promised him to use their utmost Endeavors to have his Family sent him.

If this measure meets with your approbation, We can see no reasonable objection to Mrs. Livius' going with her Family as soon as she can get away.

I am, by order of the Com^{tee} of Safety, Gentl^{m}
Y^{r} most hble Servant
H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

To the Honorable the
Com^{tee} of Safety at
Exeter.

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(1) Wife of Hon. Peter Livius.—ED.

Order to Brigr Gen.[1] John Stark.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 115.]

State of New Hampshire, July 19th 1776.

To Brigr Genl. JOHN STARK.

You are hereby required to repair to Charles Town No. 4. so as to be there by Thursday next to meet & confer with persons appointed by the Convention of the State of Vermont relative to the rout of the Troops under your Command, their being supplied with provisions & future operations. And when the Troops are collected at No. 4 you are to take the Command of them & march into the State of Vermont and there act in conjunction with the Troops of that State or any other of the States, or of the United States or separately as it shall appear Expedient to you for the protection of the People or the annoyance of the Enemy; and from time to time as occasion shall require, send Intelligence to the Genl. Assembly or Committee of Safety of your Operations and the manovers of the Enemy.

(Copy) M. WEARE.

Letter fron Benjamin Giles, Esq.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 117.]

HONd Sr—

Would Inform I pursued agreeable to Instructions to be in readiness to give the troops a quick pass from Charlestown, arriving here last Sabbath &c. I need not write the particulars of my conduct or the cause of my purchasing Stores. Mr. Trott can inform as he is particularly knowing to my conduct both before and after Capt. Farnsworth came to No. 4, whose Orders are to purchase beef And that only for the troops; a difficulty I am afraid will arise; his orders are to give provision to a Complete Company only, and as I suppose that it is next to impossible for complete Companies to march without being notifi'd, I thought it my duty to advertise you, Sr that if possible the Captains of each Company may have knowledge thereof. Billeting, Mileage, and some other allowances are all to be paid at Ticonderoga, ye money being sent forward. Capt. Farnsworth came here last Thursday and is gone off this morning, according to direction. I have dismissed the business, but have some Pork on hand, can't say how much, Mr. Trott will inform the Circumstance, I sent him to Hadley to purchase Pork, I paid his Expense being 17*s.* 9*d* and have charged it, would be glad of further directions respecting what I have taken in.

I rest, Sr yr Real Friend, and very humbl servt

BENJa GILES.

P. S. I should have wrote in a different manner but Mr. Trott can inform every particular.

B. G.

I Borrowed 44 dollars, which I have paid for Wheat and Pork, would be glad if it can be sent by Mr. Trott. I promised to pay it directly.

Benja Giles.

In a hurry Mr. Trott waiting.

The Honble Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from Col. Hurd.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. IV. p. 119.]

Haverhill, 20th July, 1776.

Sir—yesterday afternoon came in here to Coho'os a French man from the river St. Francis, wth whom & the Committees of Haverhill & Newbury, I spent the Evening till late, to obtain what Intelligence we could. He tells us—That he has been out from thence nineteen days & undergone great hardship in his journey, having mistook his path from the head of St. Francis to this River, that there was seventy-two ships arrived at Quebec, & the ministerial Army made up 10,000 British & Canadians under General Carlton ; he knows nothing of Burgoyne. The Indians of St. Francis & Canaughaga remain neuter, & refuse to take up arms on either side—he does not think there's any Indians out upon the Scout on this quarter ; he fled, as he says, for fear of his life, having been a Captain in the Continental Service at the Parish of three Rivers & advanced considerable effects for our Army; is desirous of being convey'd to the General, & to the Continental Congress ; his appearance to me is open & honest, tho' some of our people are jealous of him—keep a guard to watch the house (Mr. Thos Johnson's) where he lodges I intend to send him over to Crown point to the commanding officer there.

We are anxious for Colo Bayley's return to know in what manner the men design'd for our protection are to be rais'd, and we shall look for him this Evening, So that I hope I shall have ye pleasure of some advices. I am very respectfully,

Sir, yr most humbl Servt.

Jo. Hurd.

The Honbl Colo. M. Weare.

Letter from Colo Joshua Wentworth.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 121.]

Portsmouth, July 20, 1776.

Gentlemen—Pursuant to an order from Maj. Genl Folsom of 3d Inst. to me Directed, to raise one hundred and fifteen Men out of the first Regiment, I now have the pleasure to Inclose a Return of that Number, who have Voluntarily Engaged in the service of their Country.

I am respectfully,

Gentln you mt ob. Servtt,

Josh. Wentworth.

To the Honbl the Committee of Safty
for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Letter from Col. John Bellows.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 123.]

Walpole, July 20th 1776.

Sir—

Lieut. Sargents hath return'd from Crown Point, in order to collect some soldiers who deserted at the time when Major Butterfield resign'd himself and Men to our Foes, and also to obtain a copy of the Muster Rolls for the Four Companies which I mustered, as the Soldiers can draw no pay until the Rolls are exhibited to the Pay Master. I desire you would send the Copys by Mr. Trott, because Sargents must return as soon as possible.

I am your Humbl Servt
JOHN BELLOWS.

Complaint of Zaccheus Clough of Poplin.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. IV. p. 125.]

Colony of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety,
July 20th, 1776.

Upon considering the Complaint of Zacheus Clough, Esqr of Poplin, representing that he hath been much injured in his character, by designing Persons, who he says, have falsely Insinuated to the publick that he converted to his own use a Donation, with which he was Intrusted by the Parish of said Poplin to deliver persons properly appointed to receive the same, for the use of the Poor of Boston suffering by the Port Bill.

The Committee recommend, That the Committee of said Poplin would call in to their aid the Committees of Two of the nearest Towns or Parishes to them, Jointly to set and hear all accusations against said Clough on the aforesd affair; and also his Defence thereon, giving notice of the Time & place of meeting sufficient for his accusers to be present. And after impartially hearing the matter to declare their opinion thereon, that all concerned may be satisfied of the truth of the Premises.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

(Copy)

Certificate for Zaccheus Clough, Esq.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 284.]

Boston, Sept. 18th 1776.

This may certify all whom it may concern, That Zaccheus Clough Esqr did deliver the Committee of Charlestown one yoke of oxen, by the direction of the Boston Committee on the first day of March one thousand seven hundred & seventy five, agreeable to a Receipt given said Clough by Capt. Isaac Foster, Chairman of the Charlestown Committee of Donation, and whatever may appear to the contrary as to said Clough's not delivering the same at the time Capt. Foster gave the receipt is false and Injurious.

As witness our hands—

EDWARD PROCTOR
JOHN WHITE
SAMl PARTRIDGE } A Quorum of the Boston Comtee of Donation.

Attest—Alexr Hodgdon,
Clerk to the Boston Comtee of Donation.

Petition from Warren for Fire-Arms, &c.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 129.]

To the Honob^{le} Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire:

The Petition of us the Committee of the Town of Warren humbly sheweth: That the Inhabitants are Destitute of Fire arms & Lead, and pray that your Honnours will grant us a sufficient Quantity of Fire Arms and Lead, or otherways, grant us a Sum of money, to purchase, for which we, the Committee of Safety of said Warren will account in behalf of said Town.

We shall ever Pray &c.

JOSHUA MERRILL } Com^{tee} for
JOSHUA COPP } the town of
OBEDIAH CLEMENT } Warren.

Letter from Col. David Gilman.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 129.]

Head Quarters, Portsmouth, July y^{e} 22^{d}, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—I have the Pleasure to Inform you that the works at N. Castle gos on verry well. If nothing Extrordinary happens I am in hopes the walls of that Important Fortress will be almost compleated this week I believe I may veanture to say, it will be one of the most compleatest ones upon the Contenant of America when finished. I should have been almost Ready to have mounted all the Cannon on the fourt by this time, could I have got timber to have laid the Platforms, but am still at a loss; should be glad how soon sum might be procured for that Purpose. I flatter myself, Gentlemen, when I have got these works a little out of the way, shall have an opportunity to Discipline my men and make them sumwhat respectable in case we should be attacked. I should think it proper to have sum person appointed to muster the men here as the Capts. are Daily *reverting?* I am, Gentlemen with great respect your Hon^{rs} most obedient Humble servant. D. GILMAN.

License for Mrs. Livius to go to Quebec.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 135.]

Colony of } In Committee of Safety,
New Hampshire } July 23^{d}, 1776.

Capt. Henry Dearborn, who was one of Col^{o} Arnold's Detachment and made prisoner at the attack upon Quebeck, on the 31st of December last, having had liberty to come Home on his Parole, and represented to this Committee, That the Hon^{ble} Peter Livius Esq^{r} at Quebeck treated him and other Prisoners with great humanity; and that said Mr. Livius was desirous that his Lady and children now at Portsmouth in this Colony might be permitted to come to him at Quebeck:

Therefore Thomas Roach, Master in the Schooner Polly, with James Stoodly, John Marsh & John Bowman, mariners, are hereby permitted to depart this Port with provisions sufficient for their voyage only, with Mrs. Livius & her four children on Board, for the sole purpose of carrying her and said children to said Quebeck and then to return to this Colony as soon as may be.

In witness whereof we have affixed the seal of said Colony, the day & year above mentioned.

By order of the Committee. M. THORNTON, C: man, P. T.

Letter to Benj^a Giles Esq.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 139.]

In Committee of Safety, July 24^th, 1776.

SIR—We received yours by Mr. Trott; have sent by him £20, and and expect you will settle with him for his time & Expences in the service. We hope Mr. Farnsworth or his Deputy will supply the Troops in such a way as will help them to proceed; and tho' we would by no means pretend to supply or any ways be concerned in the affair, unless to prevent their returning home dissatisfied, in which case we would desire you to do what you can in Reason to furnish them to march forward. If the provision you have furnished is not wanted, you may store it, and it will come to bear at some other time without doubt.

By order of the Committee,

I am, Sir, your very Hum^l S^nt

M. THORNTON, Ch'man, P. T.

Benj^a Giles, Esq^r.

Orders to Lieut. John Gilman.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 139.]

Colony of
New Hamp^r } In Committee of Safety, July 26^th, 1776.

To Lieut. JOHN GILMAN—Complaints being made to this Committee that you received of the Colony Paymaster last year Coat money belonging to several Persons, soldiers in the same company with you, which you have not paid to them & refuse to pay; Therefore that Justice may be done, you are required to appear before this Committee on Wednesday the seventh day of August next to answer to said Complaint.

By order of the Committee,—

M. THORNTON, Chair^n P. T.

In Committee of Safety, August 6^th, 1776.

The Committee having heard Lieut. Gilman on the within Complaint are of opinion, that he ought without delay to pay the Coat money he has received in behalf of any soldier, to them respectively.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

Letter from Col. John Hurd.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 145.]

Haverhill, Coho'os, 27^th July, 1776.

SIR—

I am favored with yours of the 20^th Inst. pr. Mr. Atkinson, & observe your several appointments to raise the men for the protection of this part of y^e^ country, w^ch^ by present appearances may be sufficient, but how long they may continue so is very uncertain. I'm just now informed by a person from the College that Capt. Woodward has rais'd his men & gone out into the Woods to a place call'd Royalston, I suppose about midway between Connecticut river and the Lake to erect some Stockade or Fortification there, from whence they may keep their scouts going; but they have not thought proper to inform the Committee what their plan may be, or any thing of their Intentions. We hear Capt. Jer. Eames is upon the Road on his way here, & wish he may be able to make up his Quota of men, so as to be on Duty soon, that the people at Upper Coho'os may keep about their Husbandry, and not lose the advantage of such promising Crops as are now on the ground. Col^o^ Bayley will I believe inlist his fifty without Difficulty chiefly from those men that have been working on the new Road, when we shall immediately employ them on necessary Duty.

One of our scouting partys came in from Onion River two days agoe by whom I received a Letter from Col^o^ Wait, copy of w^ch^ shall inclose & by w^ch^ you'll observe the change of Command at that station, with the complaints he makes; if it be so as there represented We must have had some cruel Enemies—snake like in the Grass—that have been secretly working out our Ruin all in their power, w^ch^ 'tis to be hoped will by & by come to light. No wonder we have not succeeded better in that Department.

As to those persons in this Quarter who proposed sending to General Burgoyne or into Canada for assistance, we have our eyes upon them & watch all their motions, but at present, think not prudent to make much stirr.

This afternoon came into Newbury four French men from Metcalff's on the Lake, in six days Travel, bad weather retarded 'em or they'd have been here, they say, in three days, with a Letter to Col^o^ Bayley from Mr. Metcalf, Extract of w^ch^ I have also inclos'd, by w^ch^ it appears our affairs in Canada are not so desperate as we might have imagin'd. These men give much the same acco^t^ as the other a few days agoe & having the appearance of open honest Folks we shall treat them with Civility & forward 'em along to the army at Crown Point, where they are desirous of going, as quick as possible with a pilot & proper guard.

There's also two or three of Bedel's soldiers come into Town direct from thence who give very indifferent acc^ts^ of our army there, such as their being very sickly, that many officers of Stark's Reg^t^ disgusted at Gen^l^ Sullivan's being superseded, were determined to quit the service, that great part of the Army were drawing off to Ticonderoga, Col^o^ Bedell & most of his officers returning home—but we don't give much credit to these stories, as they come from Fellows we suppose to be deserters.

I am glad to hear y^e^ Powder mill is in such forwardness, & that we are like to have a good supply of arms & Ammunition w^ch^ will give our people fresh spirits. Your goodness I hope will excuse my lengthy Epistles; beg my grateful respects to the Gentlemen of the Committee, & am

Sir, your most obed^t^ humb^l^ serv^t^,

JOHN HURD.

To the Hon^bl^ Mesh: Weare Esq.
Chairman of the Committee of Safety.

Extract of a letter from Mr. S. Metcalf, dated

Prattsburg, July 21, 1776.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 149.]

To Col. JACOB BAYLEY—

Dear Sir—"The bearers hereof are four Canadian officers, late of Col. James Livingston's Reg^{t} who inform me that the Forces in Canada are no ways equal to what they were at first reported. & that Gen^{l} Carleton has miscarried in the plan he had laid to make himself master of this Lake by drawing three vessels w^{ch} had been previously built for the purpose over land past the Rapids of Chamblee, they being entirely broken to pieces in the attempt, and now totally abandoned; so that Gen^{l} Sullivan will undoubtedly remain master of this Country, for the season at least, he having fortified with an Entrenchment & Cannon Point au Fer, on the North End of the Lake where stands a Brick house commonly called the White House. This is a very advantageous situation. It commands the Navigation towards St. Johns, and is formed into a kind of an Island, by a deep morass, that runs behind it from one Bay to the other. I having no Boat to assist this People with, who are on their way to Albany, they were constrained to go this Road, & as they speak very little English you had better give them a Pass to Albany.

I am, dear Sir, y^{r} friend & obed^{t} hum^{b} serv^{t}

S. METCALF."

Copy of Col. Wait's Letter to Col. Hurd.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 151.]

Onion River, 20th July, 1776.

SIR—I received yours of the 14th Inst. I am at present at this place wth 200 men & when order'd here I expected to have been station'd here till the fall of the year, & to have built some Stockades from this to Coho'os, but it seems it is otherways ordered. I am order'd to joyn the army again w^{ch} I expect to do in five or six days; but Col^{o} Warner of the Green Mountains is order'd to raise 300 men immediately to proceed to these Frontiers & to guard the same; but the particulars of his orders I know not; have sent a man from hence to know whether he is to relieve me or not. I apply'd to Gen. Sullivan for this Station as soon as the Army retreated, that I might be a safe guard to our Frontiers w^{ch} was readily granted; but he is now superseded by General Gates, and what will be done next, I know not, but it seems this must be our unhappy Fate, the change of Command so often that it keeps our Army in continual confusion. Sir—you must spare me a little by way of complaint. This Northern Army has been treated with most cruel neglect, or we might have been in possession of Quebec. Sir—When I arrived there, I found Generals without men, and a small artillery without supplys, and commissarys without provisions, paymasters without money & Quarter-masters without stores & Physicians without medicines; & the Small Pox very *brief* in our army w^{ch} has been our Destruction:—but must beg you'l excuse me & subscribe myself,

Your humb^{le} serv^{t},

JOSEPH WAIT.

To John Hurd, Esq.

Letter from Col. John Hurd, to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Rev^{n}. Vol. IV. p. 153.]

Haverhill, 3^{d} augst 1776.

SIR—Since I wrote last Capt Eames has been with us, & proceeded to Upper Coho'os with about thirty men, not doubting he should be able soon to make up his whole number.

The Committee have wrote to Capt. Woodward desiring he wou'd come to Haverhill to consult with us respecting his scouts.

Capt. Payne of Lebanon who went on a scout a volunteer is just now return'd: he tells us he has been to Ticonderoga, where he waited on Gen^{l} Gates, found the principal part of the army there having quitted Crown Pt. as too infectious a place for the Reinforcements, till it can be thor'ly cleansed, that a large number of Carpenters were employ'd in building Batteaus, with design as suppos'd to go over the Lake again. From Ty^{a}—he went to Crown Point where was only one Regem^{t}; made a short Tarry here, & then down the Lake to Onion River—he saw Col^{o} Waite there; took his advice & proceeded to the River Le Moel & so back to Coho'os striking the new Road—met no enemy on the way brou't the same Report as mention'd by the French man, that a Fleet was in the River St. Lawrence supposed to be French, and the Regulars retreating from St. Johns to Sorrell.

I have a Letter from the Committee of the 25th July forwarded by Mr. Jos. Whipple desiring me to send two swivel Guns to Upper Coho'os for the use of Capt. Eames' party, w^{ch} shall be done as soon as we receive the others from Canterbury, but we have only two yet come to hand. Col^{o} Bayley has not yet been able to embody his, working party of men into a Regular Company under the orders of us as a Committee agreeable to y^{r} Directions & unless they will consent to form themselves as such, the Committee will proceed to enlist others for the purpose. We defer this a few days, till we see how they agree among themselves; When I shall a advise you further. In the mean while remain, with my best respects to you & the Gentlemen of the Committee,

Sir, y^{r} most obed^{t} serv^{t},

J. HURD.

To the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from Eleaser Russell, Esq. to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 161.]

HONORABLE SIR—A subject important to me, now leads me to address you, For which I beg your indulgence, and that you will please to lay the matter before the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety.

On the 4th of May last, Co^{ll} Wentworth of the Committee for the Town of Portsmouth bro't me the Association to subscribe, at a time I was so ill as to be incapa^{ble} of any thing. Upon growing better I tho't largely of the matter, and finding my mind perplex'd wrote him on the subject, which Letter at my request he consented to lay before the Hon^{bl} Committee of Safety.

Till yesterday, I never knew but the Association Paper, with my letter had been in the Committees hands for more than two months;

and now find myself bound by every principle of Honor, duty and gratitude, to enlarge upon the affair.

It was, and is, meerly to secure the morality of my mind, that I was reluctant to put my name to it. Solemnly to bind myself to the performance of what nature & necessity rendered impossible, I started at the tho't of, and tho' my health is mended, so wreck'd are my nerves, that I cou'd not do one hour military duty to save my life.

The article of shedding human blood, in me is not a humor, but a principle—not an evasion, but a fact. It was received in early life, and has "grown with my growth and strengthened with my strength." Not a partiality for British, more than savage blood; *For all circumstances considered,* I think the Latter more innocent than the former.

From the first Injuries done America by Great Britain, my tho'ts took fire on the subject, and have been conceiv'd & uttered in one unvaried strain, to the highest personage and down to the meanest enemy, without hesitation or reserve: So that I can challenge all mankind to impeach me to my country.

To enlarge on the matter in my own favor would be easy, but might appear indelicate; and, to be wholly silent in the case would be criminal.

Therefore believing my conduct is to be judg'd of by persons of Liberal sentiments & sensibility of mind, I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir,
your obliged & dutiful Hum^{bl} serv^{t}
E. RUSSELL.

Hon^{bl} Col. Weare.
Portsm^{o} 17th August, 1776

Proclamation by General Howe.

[Amer. Ar. Vth ser. Vol. I. 1776, p. 1121.]

A Proclamation by his Excellency the Honourable WILLIAM HOWE, General and Commander-in-chief of all his Majesty's Forces within the Colonies lying on the Atlantic Ocean, from Nova Scotia to West Florida, inclusive, &c. &c. &c.

Wheras it is represented that many of the loyal Inhabitants of this Island have been compelled by the leaders in rebellion to take up arms against his Majesty's Government: Notice is hereby given to all persons so forced into rebellion, that on delivering themselves at Head Quarters of the Army, they will be received as faithful subjects, have permits to return peacefully to their respective dwellings, and meet with full protection for their persons and property. All those who choose to take up arms for the restoration of order and good Government within this Island, shall be disposed of in the best manner, and have every encouragement that can be expected.

Given under my hand, at Head Quarters on Long Island, this 23^{d} day of August, 1776. WM. HOWE.

By his Excellency's command.
Robert Mackenzie, Secretary.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

A Journal of the Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their Session begun & held at Exeter on Wednesday the Fourth day of September, A.D. 1776, by adjournment.

Towns & Places Represented.	Names of the Members.
North Hampton & Newtown, 1,	H^{ble} Ph^{s} White, Speak^{r}
Exeter, 2,	Noah Emery
"	—— ——
Portsmouth, 3,	Samuel Cutts Esq^{r}
"	Sam^{l} Sherburne, Esq^{r}
"	Pierse Long, Esq^{r}
Londonderry, 2	John Bell, Esq
"	Moses Barnett, Esq^{r}
Chester, 2,	Stephen Morse
"	Robert Wilson, Esq^{r}
Hampton, 1	Josiah Moulton Esq
Northampton, 1,	Dr. Levi Dearborn
Greenland, 1,	Clem^{t} March, Esq^{r}
Newington 1,	Rich^{d} Downing, Esq^{r}
New Castle 1	Henry Prescott, Esq^{r}
Rye 1	Nathan Goss
Stratham 1	Benj^{a} Barker, Esq^{r}
New Market 1	Thomas Tash, Esq^{r}
Kensington 1,	Capt. Ezekiel Worthen
Kingston & East Kingston, 1,	Sam^{l} Philbrick. Esq^{r}
Plaistow & Atkinson 1,	Samuel Kimball
Salem, 1,	Caleb Dustin
Pelham, 1	James Gibson
Raymond & Poplin, 1,	John Dudley Esq^{r}
Brintwood 1,	Samuel Dudley Esq^{r}
Pembrook 1	David Gilman, Esq^{r}
Wyndham 1	James Betton Esq^{r}
Concord 1	Timothy Walker, Esq^{r}
Canterbury & Loudon 1	Thomas Clough
Epping 1,	Nehemiah Wheeler
Deerfield & Northwood, 1	Jeremiah Eastman Esq^{r}
Bow & Dunbarton 1	Capt Caleb Page
Epsom, Chichester & Allenstown, 1	John McClary Esq^{r}
Nottingham 1,	Thomas Bartlett Esq^{r}
Sandown & Hawke 1	Moses Colby
Candia 1,	Moses Baker Esq^{r}

Hampstead 1	Capt. John Calfe
Hampton Falls & Seabrook	—— ——
Dover 2,	Stephen Evens Esq
"	Otis Baker, Esq^r
Durham 1	Mr. John Smith, 3^d
Somersworth 1	Ichabod Rollins, Esq^r
Rochester 1	James Knowles Esq^r
Barrington 1	James Marden
Madbury	—— ——
Lee 1	Hercules Mooney, Esq^r
Gilmantown & Barnstead, 1	Joseph Badger Esq^r
Sanbornton & Meredith, 1	Eben^r Smith, Esq^r
Leavitstown, Wakefield & Middleton 1	Nathaniel Balch
Sandwich, Tamworth & Moultonborough 1,	Daniel Beede Esq^r
New Durham, the Gore & Wolfborough	—— ——
Amherst, 2,	Moses Nichols Esq^r
"	Nahum Baldwin Esq^r
Dunstable 1	Jon^a Lovewell, Esq^r
Holles 1	Stephen Ames
Weare 1	John Worth
Hopkinton 1	Steph^n Harriman
New Ipswich 1	William Shattuck
Mason & Raby 1	Amos Dakin
Litchfield & Nottingham West, 1	Asa Davis, Esq^r
Merrimac & Bedford 1	Matthew Patten, Esq^r
Deerfield & Goffstown 1	Moses Kelley, Esq^r
Boscawen & Salisbury, 1	Henry Gerrish, Esq^r
Temple & Peterborough, 1	Samuel Moore
Wilton, Lyndsboro, Mile Slip & Duxbury Farm, 1	Jacob Abbot, Esq^r
Heneker, Hillsborough Deering & Society Lands 1	Capt. Joseph Simonds
Francestown & New Boston 1,	—— ——
New Breton, Warner Perrystown & Fisherfield 1	—— ——
Keen 1,	Timothy Ellis, Esq^r
Walpole 1	John Bellows, Esq^r
Charleston 1,	Elijah Grout
Westmoreland 1	Heber Miller, Esq^r
Richmond 1	Capt. Oliver Capron
Hinsdale & Chesterfield 1,	Archibald Robinson
Marlow, Surry & Alstead 1	Nath^l Sartel Prentice Esq^r
Dublin & Monadnoc, No. 5, 1	Eliphalet Stone
Packersfield, Stoddard Camden & Gilsum 1,	Joseph Rounseval
Rindge; Jaffrey & Peterborough Slip 1	Enoch Hale, Esq
Cornish, Plainfield Protectworth & Grantham 1	Moses Chase Esq.
Winchester 1	—— ——
Claremont 1	—— ——
Swansey & Fitz William 1	—— ——
Unity, Acworth, Lemster Sevill, Croydon & Newport 1	—— ——
Plymouth, Alexandria Cockermouth & New Chester 1	Sam^l Emerson Esq.

Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton 1	**Daniel Brainard, Esq^{r}**
Lyme, Orford, Wentworth Warren, Dorchester, Piermont, 1	**Israel Morey Esq**
Haverhill, Gunthwait, Bath, Lyman, Landaff & Morriston 1	—— ——
Hanover, Lebanon, Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan & Grafton 1	—— ——
Apthorp, Northumberland, Lancaster, Stratford, Conway, Cockburn, Colburn, Shelburn & the Towns above them 1	—— ——

Wednesday, September 4th A.D. 1776.

The House met according to adjournment.

[A quorum of the Council not being in Session, Adjourn'd to]

Thursday, Sept. 5th 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board, to consult together and make report to this House what Business is Necessary to be done this Session and how long it will be Necessary for this Court to set, and Where to adjourn to; and that John Dudley Esq^{r}, Col. Baker, John M^{c}Clary Esq^{r}, Nahum Baldwin Esq^{r}, Capt. Prentice, Jonathan Lovewell Esq^{r}, Jacob Abbot, Esq^{r}, Capt. Long and Capt. Moulton, be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. [Concurred, and Messrs. Thornton, Wentworth, Clagett, Blanchard & Thompson, added.]

Friday Sept. 6th, 1776.

Voted To choose a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board, to take into consideration the Resolves of the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay respecting fitting out the Continental Frigate (1) at Portsmouth for a Cruise against the Enemy, and concerning Stopping the Export of Lumber &c. (this day transmitted to this Court by a Com^{tee} of that Court) and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; and that Col^{o} Sherburne, Col^{o} Walker & Henry Prescott, Esq. be the Com^{tee} of This house for that Purpose. Sent up by Maj^{r} Tash. [Concurred—Messrs Thornton, Whipple & Thompson added.]

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(1) **This Frigate was called the *Raleigh*.—Ed.**

Massachusetts Resolves.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 238.]

In Council, August 31st, 1776.

Resolved, That a Committee of suitable persons be appointed immediately to repair to the State of New Hampshire & apply to the Government there, & if practicable, with the loan of as many Cannon as can be spared from this State, to effect the fixing out the Continental Ship now under the direction of Mr. Langdon, and to take immediate measures that such number of Cannon & other necessaries, as without distressing this State, may be lent to the Continent, may be safely & expeditiously transported to Portsmouth. This ship to be fixed out for the purpose of attacking the *Milford* or other ships of War distressing our Coasts; and in case said ship can within any reasonable time be equipt for the Sea;—

Resolved, that two or more Colony armed vessels be directed to act in concert with her, and that the Committee be, and are hereby impower'd, to engage as many sea-coast soldiers, East of Boston, as may incline to enter for said service; and in general to do every thing necessary for effecting the aforesaid purpose; and that the pay of the sea-coast men continue, in addition to the Emoluments of the sea service; the said Cannon and other articles that may be lent as aforesaid to be returned as soon as the cruise shall be over, or as soon as they shall be called for by this Government. Read & sent down &c.

John Avery, Dep. Sec.

In Council, Sept. 2^{d}, 1776.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 239.]

Whereas Benj^{a} Greenleaf & Oliver Wendell Esq^{rs} & Capt. George Williams are appointed a Committee to repair to Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire, to procure the Continental Frigate to cruise after the Milford and other Frigates of the Enemy that are infesting the sea-coast of these United States—

Resolved, That the said Committee be directed to represent to the Legislative authority of the State of New Hampshire, the expediency of forthwith passing an Act to prohibit the exportation of Lumber for a limited Time, similar to that passed by this State for that purpose.

Sent down—&c. John Avery, Dep Sec.

The Com^{tee} [above appointed] being joined by a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board, made report.

That it be recommended to Mr. Langdon Continental agent for the Frigate aforesaid to equip her as soon as Possible for a cruise against the Milford or any other Vessell of our Enemies on the Coast in conjunction with one of the Continental Frigates in the Massachusetts Bay and other of their Colony Armed Vessells: and that a Committee be appointed to consult with Mr. Langdon on the affair, and assist him if he needs it: and that any soldier in the Colony service have liberty to Enlist for the Cruise, their wages to continue besides the Emolument of

Captures &c. they to return to their service when the cruise is over. Also recommend that an Embargo until the Twentieth of November next be laid on the exportation of All Lumber from this State.

Signed M. Thornton, Chairman.

Which report being Read,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

[P. 169.] Voted and Resolved—That it be and hereby is Recommended to John Langdon Esq^r^ Agent for the Continental Frigate now at Portsmouth to Equip the said Frigate as soon as Possible for a cruise against the Milford or any other Vessell of our Enemies on this Coast, in conjunction with one of the Continental Frigates in the Massachusetts Bay and other of their Colony Armed Vessells; and that Col^o^ Samuel Sherburne with Such as the Hon^bl^ Board shall appoint, be a Committee to consult with said Mr. Langdon on that affair, and to assist him if he need it; And that any soldier in the Colony service have liberty to Enlist for the Cruise, and their wages to continue besides the Emolument of Captures &c. and to return to their service when the cruise is over.

Sent up by Capt. Prentice. [Concurred, Mr. Whipple added.]

Voted and Resolved That an Act be drawn up & Passed laying an Embargo on the Exportation of all sorts of Lumber from any part of this Colony, and that a Committee be chosen to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to draw up & bring in a Bill or Act to prevent the Exportation of Lumber from this Colony untill the Twentieth day of November next, and that Col^o^ Timothy Walker be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col^o^ Walker. [Concurred—and Mr. Clagett added.]

[P. 150.] The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Poplin against Zaccheus Clough Esq^r^ setting forth that he had wrongfully taken pay out of the Treasury for his Travel and attendance at the late Congress, and praying that they may not be taxed therefor, Being read, and both parties heard thereon—A vote was put whether the said Petition should be dismist, and it Passed in the Negative. Adjourned.

Saturday, September 7th 1776.

The House Resumed the consideration of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Poplin, against Zaccheus Clough Esqr. and after a full Debate upon the matter, the question was put, Whether the said Zaccheus Clough had a legal right to sit in the late Congress at Exeter as a Representative of said Poplin, and a Vote being put thereon it passed in the Negative. Sent up by Moses Barnett, Esqr.

The House having taken into their consideration the case of Col° Asa Porter, (being apprehended as an Enemy to the Liberties of this State) at it appearing that he is not fully ready for Trial, and he making a Motion that this house will admit him to Bail, and the same motion being considered and a vote called thereon;—it was Voted, That the said Asa Porter ought not to be Bailed; and further Voted, to choose a Committee of this house to join a Comtee of the Honble Board to consult together & make report to this house how and in what manner the Said Asa Porter shall be Restrained or Confined untill the time of his Trial; and that Capt. Moulton, Deacon Baldwin, Capt. Harriman, Col° Walker & Ichabod Rollins, Esqr be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by deacon Baldwin. [Concurred —Mr. Whipple, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Clagett & Mr. Ashley added.]

Which Committee being joined by a Committee of the Honble Board made a report as follows, viz.

"The Committee of Both Houses appointed to take under consideration in what manner Col° Asa Porter (now in Exeter) shall be restrained from his General liberty, are of opinion that the said Asa Porter recognise to the Government & People of this State in the sum of five hundred pounds with two sufficient sureties in the sum of Two hundred & fifty pounds each, conditioned that he personally appear before the General Assembly on the second day of their next session in this State, to answer to all such matters & things as shall then & there be objected against him, more especially touching his being concerned in conspiracy against the State in conveying Intelligence of the public affairs thereof to the Enemy; and do not exceed the limits of the main street thro' the centre of Exeter and between the Bridge on the River and the western Corner of the Revd Daniel Rogers meeting house in said Town, and the space of one hundred yards on each side of said street: That he hold no correspondence touching the Premises with any person whatever without the knowledge of some person to be appointed by the General Assembly; That he stand committed to the States Prison in Exeter untill the Resolves of the General Assembly be complied with;—which is humbly submitted.

Signed,—Wm. Whipple, Char."

[P. 151.] Which report being read, Voted, That it be *not* received.

Voted, That Col° Asa Porter be committed to the Prison in Exeter untill the Time that shall be appointed by this Court for his Trial, and that he recognise to the Government & People of this State in the sum of five hundred pounds with two sufficient sureties in the sum of two hundred & fifty pounds each, conditioned that he personally appear before the General Assembly on the second day of their next session in this State, to answer to all such matters & things as shall then & there be objected against him; more especially touching his being concern'd in conspiring against the State by conveying Intelligence of the Public affairs thereof to the Enemy, and that he remain a True Prisoner within the limits of the yard of said Prison as by law established, and that he hold no correspondence touching the premises with any person whatsoever, without the knowledge of some person to be appointed by the General Assembly; and that Noah Emery Esq. be and hereby is appointed to Inspect all Letters sent by said Porter to any Person whomsoever, or that shall be Directed to or received by him. Sent up by Deacon Baldwin. [Concurred.]

Copy of Papers on file relating to Col. Asa Porter.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. pp. 167–207.]

[NOTE. These papers being very copious, and some of them merely repetitious as to facts, only those of an official and essential character are here printed.—ED.]

Letter from Col. John Hurd to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. &c. Vol. IV. p. 176.]

(Extract.) August 7th, 1776.

SIR—" In my last I hinted to you that we had our Eyes upon those persons who were propagating yᵉ notion of the expediency of sending into Canada for protection from the Indians & should keep a strict watch upon their conduct.

Col° Asa Porter we knew was the principal promoter of it, & Col° Taplin of Newbury, who had both openly declared their opinion: Some few of us here & at Newbury were secretly inform'd that there was a plan propagating by those very persons to send into Canada, & that soon; We tho't best to let it run on till their scheme was nearly ripe; but Sunday mornᵍ an accident took place that alarm'd us & oblig'd us to stir in the matter a little sooner than intended. An Indian young hunter that knew the Road, & was tryed upon the matter happening to blab it out: We expected the others wou'd take the alarm, when some of the Gentlemen on Newbury side sent over to us of this town, that they thought it absolutely necessary the Committee here should immediately secure Col° Porter while they were apprehending others on that side, w^ch^ was soon done, together with one person in his house & another at Bath, who had been employed under him.

They were all put under guard, & Monday morn^g^ the Committees of these two Towns & several others met to consult on the business & form'd themselves into a Court of Inquiry, at w^ch^ I assisted in consequence of y^e^ orders in y^r^ last to take up such persons; and after two days close attention by the Committees on this business of Examination of the several persons taken up, it appeared to them by the Evidences & circumstances attending, that Col° Porter & Col° Taplin, with two others, David Weeks of Bath & Jacob Fowler of Newbury, had been practising things very inimical to their country; adjudged them accordingly & doom'd them to be sent to Exeter to the care of the Committee of Safety, for we must look upon them as dangerous persons in this quarter of the Country & more so at this critical time."

"Col. Porter was very averse to the orders of his going to Exeter, & wou'd feign have had a final Decision here, pretending there is not, nor ought to be any higher power than our T° Committees—for he has all along deny'd the Jurisdiction of our General Court, & must be conscious to himself he has us'd us ill by frequent denial of our authority & misrepresentation." Y^r^ hum^bl^ serv^t^.

JOHN HURD.

Letter from Col. J. Hurd, relating to Col. Porter.

[State Pap. Rev^n^ Vol. IV. p. 248.]

Haverhill, 12^th^ Aug^st^ 1776.

SIR—

The Intention of the Committee was to have got Col° Porter off this morning, but he has try'd ev'ry step in his power to prevent being sent to Exeter, he has petition'd the Committee of this Town, & been soliciting several persons of the other Committees for a new hearing under pretence that he has not had opport^y^ to vindicate himself, nor to procure such evidence in his favour as he can do, if more time was allow'd; but the Truth is, I am perswaded, that he thinks & has brou't over Mr. James Bayley, chairman of the Haverhill Committee & two or three other persons to be of the same opinion, that he ought not to be sent out of the County for Tryal, that as this District is not represented, & has remonstrated ag^st^ our Form of Government, the Colony Committee of Safety have no authority to order him to Exeter. I have therefore been obliged to exert myself in this matter, as Capt. Woodward can inform you, and have had a hard struggle to obtain the point; some objecting too that we ought not to send Porter away unless we send the whole N°., but 'tis the general opinion besides ours of the Committee, that he is a dangerous person to tarry among us. For my own part I shall not be easy to have him remain here longer, as I can more particularly hereafter inform you, and my Reasons. In the mean time I trust y^r^ Committee will order Coll. Porter to be properly taken care of. I would not recommend a close Imprisonment, but that he is well secured.

If you think proper to allow him a hearing before the General Court shou'd meet, you'll please to inform us by Capt. Woodward's return, that the Evidences may be sent down to confront him wch we shall look upon absolutely necessary, especially Mr. Danl Hall, and whether it be advisable to send the others who belong to New York Government. We have had much trouble in this Business as you may well think & I am very sorry to give you so large a share by my long letters, wch I beg you'll excuse, & am respectfully, Sir,

Your most humbl servt

J. Hurd.

To the Honbl Mesh. Weare, Esq.

Copy of a Letter from the Committee of Safety at Exeter, to Col. John Hurd, Haverhill, N. H.

Exeter, Augst 20th 1776.

Sir—By Capt. Woodward we received your several Letters, relative to Coll. Porter &c. and return you with the other Gentn at Coho'os our thanks for your assiduity in detecting those supposed Rebels to the States. The Committee have appointed a hearing for Colo Porter before the Genl Assembly on Friday the 6th of Sept. next, and in the mean time ordered him on his peril to confine himself to the Town of Exeter until that time. We think it expedient the principal Evidence should attend the tryal, and that such Depositions as relate to the case may be transmitted, which we desire you to take care of. As to Taplin & the others accused, we desire the Committees to act what they think necessary & safe, whether to send them down for tryal or not.

Pleas to the Jurisdiction of the Honble Assembly of New Hampshire in the case, State versus Porter.

[State Pap. &c. Vol. IV. p. 168.]

1st. Because it is the legislative Body, and it doth not consist with the liberties of the People that the same Body which hath the Power of making Laws, should also have the Power of executing the Laws, or determining the causes of Individuals.

2nd All jurisdiction implies Superiority of Power, and therefore it would be absurd to suppose that this Body of men, constituted for the Purpose of Legislation could thereby become vested with authority to arrain before them for Trial or Punishment the persons of their constituents whose servants they are, and to whom they are accountable for their conduct.

3dly. Because Courts are now open in this State for the Trial both of criminal & civil causes; In which case, if the Assembly should single out the present accused & contrary to his inclination, confine him to a Trial before them, it wo'd confirm the suggestion of Colo Hurd (a member of the Assembly by whose order he was bro't before them) that it was done out of personal Prejudice.

4thly. Because in accusations of a criminal Nature (especially where the State is concern'd) the Party accused ought to have some share in the choice of his Judges; or to have Liberty to except against so many appointed by the Law that those who remain may be deemed his own choice; as is the case in trial by Jury.

5thly. If the Assembly sho'd take cognizance of this case it wo'd carry the Party accused to a Distance from Home or from his Country for Trial, by which means he wo'd be deprived of the Benefit of Evidence & the Credit of the Witnesses (which ought to be tried as well as the Facts) could not be known to the Triors, and would be replete with those very Inconveniences and equally oppressive & burthensome with that adopted by the Brittish Parliament so much complained of in the late Admiralty Courts.

6thly. Because the Assembly hath already heard the evidence against the accused professedly in the quality of a Grand Jury.

7thly. Because the Accused wo'd be thereby deprived of the Privilege of Trial by Jury which he hath repeatedly claimed and which hath not only been held by the greatest authorities to be the best and only mode of Trial consistent with the safety of the People (especially in cases of treason) but hath by this Assembly been acknowledged to be a Right inherent in the People, which they ought not to be deprived of—In the Preamble to their Act to abolish the Court of Appeal.

8thly. Because the Representatives of a People (as Such) can have no powers but what are delegated to them by the People whom they represent, and the People of New Hampshire have not delegated to their Assembly or Representatives the executive or Judicial Powers of Government.

9thly. In case the Assembly sho'd assume a Jurisdiction in this Case a Precedent wo'd thereby be formed for future Trials of Treason, in which the will of the Court shall be the Law as well to determine the crime & Penalty, as to try the truth of the Facts: by which measure the lives Liberties & Property of the People wo'd be made to depend solely on the Will of the legislative Body, which wo'd be an Establishment of the most despotic Tyranny.

As it hath been suggested that I am only endeavoring to evade a Trial by claiming a Trial by Jury, when there is no Law in this State to determine the crime & Punishment of Treason, which is a Bar to that mode of Trial; I wo'd observe, that much less can it be objected to a trial by Jury without Law, than to a Trial by the legislative Body without Law, especially where the former Mode hath the consent of the Party to be tried, & in favour of which there is a precedent in this State in a Capital case; and sho'd the Assembly deprive a Man of his right because they have not provided a mode of trial consistent with that right, it wo'd be making an advantage of their own wrong. But, notwithstanding it is not thro' my *latch* that there is no Law made to determine the crime of Treason (upon which the safety of the State & the Liberties of the People so essentially depend) I have no inclination to make an advantage of it but am willing to be tried by the country, & if found by the Judgment of my Peers to have done any Act against this State, which having been done against the former Government wo'd have been determined Treason by the Municipal Laws thereof, I am content to incur the like Penalty.

Indorsed—Col. Asa Porters objections
to the Jurisdiction of the Assembly of
N. H. in his case—1776.

The Deposition of Daniel Hall, of Newbury, Husbandman, relating to a plan forming by sundry persons at Coho'os to send over into Canada for protection from the British troops:

[State Pap. &c. Vol. IV. p. 170.]

I, the said Daniel Hall testify and declare that being in Company with David Weeks some time the beginning of July, & discoursing on our present Distress & our Army's leaving Canada. Weeks seeming to hang in favour the Ministerial Troops, say^d He wished he knew my mind, that he wou'd tell me something: I reply'd that he need not be afraid: then says he, I will tell you,—but swore if ever I told, he would kill me—there is, Says he, a parcell of men joyning to send to Canada to General Burgoyne for protection, & you are to be one of them, & they are to go with Flaggs in their guns: When I agreed to joyn them & assist all that lay in my power, Says Weeks, you must wait on Col° Taplin for further instructions. After that I waited on Col° Taplin & requested to know of him what we shou'd do, for I was afraid we should all be cut off. Taplin reply'd. By G—d, if you'll be regulated by me, we will do well enough, and that we must send to Canada for protection & immediately, & he was afraid 'twas now too late: I want to see Col° Porter before I do any thing, but by G—d, I dare not be seen with him. I want to see Willard Stevens. I sayd you may see him at any time. Taplin then desir'd I wou'd go & call him to the house. Calling again on Taplin, I inquired how he made out with Stevens. He said, Well enough; but they cou'd do nothing till they sent down the river, that they shou'd have word by Sol° Stevens in eight days. Taplin desir'd I would come by two or three times a day, that he would be a walking out so as to speak with me often. He said he had seen Porter but cou'd not do any thing till they had a Return up the River. We will however do well enough yet. We will own all Coho'os yet.

July 10. Soon after this, I went to Col° Porter to buy Rum, and when he gave me the bottle, sayd, I had better come & see it put up myself. When we were in the cellar, he sayd He supposed I was not ignorant of the plan that they had laid. I answered I knew of one by Taplin. He sayd 'twas a matter of great consequence, and that they must be as expeditious as possible, but not drive matters too fast. We must have News from N. York. I answer'd we must not mind all that was in y^e papers. He sayd, I do not take much notice of them, but they shou'd have Letters from private Gentlemen, and that it depended in a great measure on the News they shou'd have from York. Cant you, says he, lay a plan to go catching Moose,—for the Continent will stand in need of meat. We won't say much now, but call on me in a day or two, I will let you know how we proceed.

July 24. I then waited on Col° Porter as before agreed. He sayd that things workt well, but still they must wait a few days further for News from New York—that he shou'd then be ready to furnish him with a writing to carry to Canada, and he wou'd have me carry the writing ten or fifteen miles in the Woods, and secure it there, till I got one or two more to go with me, under the pretence of going a Moose hunting; and then to proceed into Canada to General Burgoyne—that he sho'd do the Letters up in such manner, that if they were to be taken, they should not be discovered, for the writing shou'd be on the outside the wrapper, to appear as some old account.

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July 27. See Col°. Porter again, when he Said that he had thoughts of altering the plan, for as Byal Chamberlain was going a Scout to St. Johns that they would get all their party to go with Chamberlain so as when they were arrived at St. Johns, they shou'd take care of him, as they pleas'd—then go & see Col° Peters, who we hear is deserted into Canada, and to let him know their plan.

July 29. This day was in Company with Col° Taplin and with Willard Stevens & Solomon Stevens, each of them by themselves ; they say 'twas best to rest sending over into Canada till Col° Porter comes up the River, expecting something of consequence by him (he was then gone down to No. 4, on a journey after his negro man Neptune) and till Mr. Abiel Chamberlain comes back from Canada, as the news seems to be against them at present. But they Sayd, as soon as Chamberlain returns, they wou'd have me go right off, and take Tim Omsted with me. Willard Stevens sayd he was afraid to send writings, but cou'd send a Token that shou'd do. Taplin sayd they wou'd have some writing for him to carry to Col° Peters—that I need not stay more than half an hour in Canada, under pretence of going to catch moose.

Aug. 2. I waited again on Col° Porter when he told me he had been down the River, that he had seen lawyer Oloot, who lik'd the plan well, & wou'd assist us as far as he cou'd. Says Col° Porter, Indians are seen down the River frequently—they have been seen in reality ; there has been one regular officer & one Indian from Canada to Clarmont to see Mr. Cossit (1). they waited two or three days before they durst venture in, but very luckily came in to one of our friends' houses & there staid till they had done their Business—having seen several Friends, but cou'd not see Cossit. Their business was principally to see how many Friends there is here to the ministerial Troops and to see if they wou'd help to conduct them to this part of the Country & to take possession of the Country. Col° Porter further sayd, he tho't it wou'd be best for Sol° Stevens to go soon to Mr. Metcalf's, and let him know the plan, & there, says he, we can be protected a few days, till he can be sent to Canada to find Col° Peters, to let him know you are coming, and in a few days. I wou'd have you go over with Sim Omsted but I want to hear more about that Fleet that they say are in the mouth of Canada River, and whether the Regular Army are drawing back from St. Johns or no—or whether they may be coming this way or not. I have just thou't I would write to Col° Peters by you to this purpose, by way of cloak that I hear paper money is of no value there, if he wou'd send me over a quantity of it, I wou'd spare him my negro Boy, and under that I shall write further to this purpose, that he wou'd remember his friends here. When he sees my name he will know the plan, for I dare not write further, you may tell him the rest by Tokens. Col° Porter also engaged that what Provisions & money I wanted to carry me there, I shou'd have from him.

The above was sworn to
before the Committees of
Newbury, Haverhill &c.
In a public hearing.

Attest, J. Hurd, Clerk.

August 5th 1776.

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(1) Rev. Ranna Cossit was rector of the Episcopal church in Claremont. See notice of him, Vol. VII. p. 706.—Ed.

NOTE. Other depositions follow the foregoing, some in favor of and some against Col. Porter, made by Nehemiah Lovewell, James Bayley, John Sanborn, Ezekiel Ladd, Joseph Clark, Ephraim Wesson, Benajah Hall, Doctor John Porter, Thomas Chamberlain, Noah Moulton, Edwards Buckman, Eben^{r} Rice, Joseph Haynes, Robert Hazeltine, & Thomas Miner—all which may be seen by any person interested in N. H. State Pap. Vol. IV. p. 176-214.—ED.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bailey, relating to Daniel Hall, &c.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 196.]

Newbury, 3^{d} Sept^{r}, 1776.

SIR—I find that Doctor Porter has been very busie collecting Evidences in order to invalidate Daniel Hall's Evid^{e}, but I know of no authority for what he has been doing; however, the Evidence relating Hall's carrector must be looked upon as Enemical to our common cause as well as all those who assist a man so Enemical as Esq^{r} Porter, and think that should any man appear from hence endeavouring to do it before you, they ought not to have their liberty to return. Thomas Chamberlain who swares something against Hall has been very friendly to Hall untill their plot was found out, and by his conduct must be of Porter's party, as to any further tryal of Either of those we condemned as Enemical except they petition for it, I know of no authority they have for it, but what I tho't was for them to be kept out of mischief which I think still they and all such as espouse their cause should be secured; you will doubtless see the need of it when you hear the Evidences and tryal; certainly they that are not for us, are against us. I shall be glad to know whether you will if needed receive from our State the unfriendly, &c.

I only mention things as I hear what has been done by Doct^{r} Porter was without any authority as I supposed I took no notice of it, so as to attend his Courts.

I am, Gen^{t} your most Obedient Humble Serv^{t}.

JACOB BAILEY.

[P. 152.] Tuesday, Sept^{r} 10th 1776.

Voted That the sum of four Thousand pounds L'my be levied & raised for the Colony Tax for the current year, to be assessed on the Poll & Estates of the Inhabitants of this State and to be paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of March next. Sent up by Capt. Page. [Concurred with an amendment, for £2500, instead of £4000, which was adopted.]

[P. 153.] Voted, That Thursday the tenth day of October next be appointed as a day of General Fasting & Prayer throughout this State, and that Jonathan Lovewell Esq^{r} & Col^{o} Walker be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{ble} Board to form & Draw up a Proclamation for that purpose and lay the same before this house as soon as may be. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred—Col^{o} Hurd added.]

The Petition of Geo. March praying to be liberated from his confinement being read & considered, Voted, That the prayer of said Petition be and hereby is granted, and the said George March set at Liberty. [Concurred.]

The Declaration of the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled July 4th, 1776 for Independency, Being read and Published in this House,

Voted and Resolved, That this Colony Assume and take upon themselves the NAME & STILE of NEW HAMPSHIRE, and that all Commissions, writs, Processes & all Law Proceedings which heretofore were made & issued in the Name & stile of the Province of New Hampshire, or in the Name & stile of the Colony of New Hampshire, shall henceforth be made & issued in the Name & stile of the The State of New Hampshire, and not otherwise. Sent up by Samuel Dudley, Esq. [Concurred.]

[P. 154. P. 155.] Wednesday, Septr 11th, 1776.

Voted That Timothy Gibson of Heneker be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough.

The Petition of Hugh Tallant, Praying to be relieved from his Imprisonment by order of the Committees of Inspection of Nottingham West and Pelham, being heard upon the Evidence produced and duly considered, It appears to this house That although the said Committees in some measure exceeded their Power, yet that what they did was with a good Intent to preserve the Peace & good order of the State: Therefore

Voted, That the said Committees be discharged and that the said Hugh Tallant be and hereby is Liberated from his said Imprisonment, he recognising to the Government & People of this State in the sum of Two hundred pounds for his good behaviour towards this State During the Pleasure of the General Court. Sent up by Jno. McClary, Esq. [Concurred, and he recognised accordingly.]

Thursday, Sept. 12th, 1776.

[P. 156.] Voted, That when any soldier who hath or shall Enlist under one Captain in the Continental Battalion in this Colony (not having received any money therefor) and shall afterwards enlist under any other Captain (and receive the money therefor) such soldier shall belong to the Captain that first enlisted him, and the money so paid by the said other Captain shall be restored to him by the Captain who first enlisted said soldier. Sent up by Dea. Knowles.

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to consult together and Nominate Five persons to this House, out of whom to choose a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress for one year next ensuing, and that Col^{o} Walker, Jonathan Lovewell, Esq^{r} Maj. Downing, Capt. Long & Col^{o} Badger be the Committee of the House for that purpose. Sent up by Maj. Tash. [Concurred,—Messrs. Wentworth, Ashley, Clagett & the Sec^{y} added.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to consult together & Nominate to this House three persons, out of whom for this House to choose one to be nominated by the General Court to the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, for Colonel, or first officer of the Continental Battalion now raising in this State, and also to nominate to this house a like number of persons for second & third officers of said Battalion; and that Capt. Moulton, John McClary, Esq^{r} Deacon Baldwin, Capt. Prentice, James Knowles, Esq^{r} Col^{o} Sherburne & Samuel Emerson Esq^{r} be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Maj^{r} Tash. [Concurred—Mess. Thornton, Whipple & Giles added.]

Voted That one hundred & ten men including officers be raised forthwith as rangers to guard the Western Frontiers of this State, & to be in the service of this State untill the first of December next, unless sooner discharged. That each non-Commissioned officer & soldier have & receive a Blanket or in lieu thereof twelve shillings, and that the officers and soldiers be paid the Same wages pr month as the Rangers already in the pay of this State: that they be divided into two Companies, Each company to be officer'd with one Captain, one Lieutenant and one Ensign to be commissioned by the President. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

[P. 157.] Voted, That the Hon^{ble} MATTHEW THORNTON, Esq^{r} (1) be and hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State at the Continental Congress for one year next Ensuing. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

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(1) Hon. Matthew Thornton signed the Declaration of Independence, made on the 4th of July, after he took his seat in Congress in September.—ED.

✓ An Act to adopt and take the Name & Stile of State in lieu of Colony of New Hampshire was read a third time and passed to be enacted [Concurred]

[P. 158.] Voted That Pierse Long Esq^r^ be nominated to the Continental Congress as Colonel or first officer of the Continental Battalion now raising in this State. That Jonathan Burnham, Esq^r^ be nominated for the second officer, & Hercules Mooney Esq^r^ be nominated for third officer of said Battalion.

Voted, That the Proclamation (of this day) for a Public Fast to be on the Tenth day of October next, be forthwith Printed & Dispursed throughout this State.

Acc^ts^ petitions, acts &c. passed on by the House and by the Council from Sept. 4 to Sept. 12, 1776.

Petition of Lt. Andrew Marshall, complaining of his being discharged from service by Col. David Gilman—granted and he restored.

Petition of James McMaster, concerning goods taken from him by Com^tee^ of Dover—granted a hearing.

Col. Otis Baker drew from the treasury, £250.

Capt. Isaac G. Pearson permitted to sail for Providence, R. I.

Capt. Sam^l^ Atkinson received from the Treasury £70 : 10 : 0, for Rangers on the frontiers.

Col. Charles Johnson appointed muster master of s^d^ Rangers.

Com^tee^ to confer about Lt. Col. Folsom who refused to resign his Commission.

Com^tee^ to account for Excise, Powder money, quit-rents, &c.

Com^tee^ to receive & inspect Salt-petre.

Hon. Jona. Warner to draw £293 : 0 : 1, from the Treasury.

Thomas Hall of Goffstown to have a guardian.

Justices of the Sup^r^ Court allowed £15, each.

Wyseman Clagett, Att. Gen. allowed £30.

Lt. Col. Jere. Folsom, discharged from his office.

Robert S. Towle, allowed £10.

Daniel Towle balance of acc^t^ allowed £14.

Friday, Sept. 13^th^ 1776.

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to Enquire (together with the Selectmen of Exeter) into the cause of the members of this House being disturbed yesterday, in the afternoon at the Court House by a smoke made in the next adjacent house to cleanse Clothes of the Small Pox, and to find out the Author or Authors thereof, and make report to this House as soon as may be; and that James Betton Esq^r^ Capt. Worthen & Deacon Baldwin be the Committee for that Purpose:

Which Committee, after Examination & Enquiry made report.

That the Disturbance was occasioned by a fire inadvertently kindled with some combustibles by a Negro man without orders directly or indirectly from any person or persons: that they have Enquired of Mr. Joseph Gilman & Dr. Adams the manner of their leaving the Small Pox Hospital & cleansing themselves, and are clearly of opinion, That the Public are not endangered of taking the Small Pox from the said gentlemen. Signed

Ezekiel Worthen, Chairman.

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Lawson take care of and keep safe Colonel Asa Porter, and see him forth coming when this house shall order.

Voted, That Simeon Goodwin of Haverhill be a Coroner for the County of Grafton; [and] Joseph Herrick, a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

The Petition of James McMaster of Portsmouth Praying that an order may issue to the Committee of Dover to restore to him what of his property they have taken from him &c. Being read, argued by Counsel and fully considered,

Voted, That the Prayer of said Petition be not granted, but that it be dismiss'd; and further Voted, That it be and hereby is recommended to the Com^{tee} of Safety of Dover, That they strictly on oath Examine Peter Mitchell, servant or book-keeper to the said James McMaster, respecting any Goods, monies or Effects of the said McMaster in his hands, Possession or knowledge, and take the same into their Possession & care, and make a True Inventory thereof and return to this House as soon as may be.

[P. 159–160] Saturday, Sept. 14th 1776.

Whereas Capt. Lionel Bradstreet is now a State Prisoner in this State (lately commander of the Nelly Frigate lately taken & bro't into the Port of Piscataqua by two Continental Armed vessels,)

Voted that he have leave and be Permitted to depart this State, & repair to Boston or to Maryland or Virginia or any Port or place on this Continent in order to get a passage home to his Family in Great Britain. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred]

Voted, That Thomas Simpson Esq^{r} of Haverhill be Captain of the first Company of Rangers last Voted to be raised in this State; That Joshua Howard of Haverhill be his Lieutenant; That Mr. Josiah Russell of Plainfield be Captain of the Second Company, and Mr. Ezekiel Carter of Concord be his Lieutenant: That the said Captains and their Lieutenants Nominate their Ensigns respectively, as may best answer the Purposes of Raising the men. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred]

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to Fix out and give necessary orders to the Two Companys of Rangers last Voted to be raised in this State and to carry all Necessary measures into Execution for Inlisting & equipping the said Companys for said service, and that Capt. Prentice & Deacon Baldwin be the Committee of this house for that purpose, and that the said Companys be put under the direction of Col. Hurd & Col. Charles Johnson, Mess^rs^ James Bailey and Jonathan Hale, as to their Scouting Rout, &c. Sent up by Maj^r^ Tash. [Concurred—Messrs. Wentworth, Thompson, Giles, Clagett, & Blanchard, added.]

[P. 161.] The Hon^bl^ Council sent down the following Resolve of Council, viz.

Whereas by an Act of this State passed the last Session of the General Assembly, it is Enacted that all Writs, Processes, Executions and other matters in Law, which were returnable to or depending in any of the Courts in each of the respective Counties in this Colony at the time of the Establishment of the present Government, or that are now pending therein, shall be returned to & sustained by the respective Courts by said Act established (before whom by Law the said Writs, processes & matters are cognizable) at the first term of the several Courts in their respective Counties; and as it is but a short time since the said Act was published, & thereby it is probable many persons in the remote Counties of Cheshire & Grafton may not get the knowledge thereof by the time appointed for the next Session of the Superiour Court in said Counties; and as it does not appear Necessary on account of other Business that the Superiour Court should sit in said Counties at the next Term, Therefore—

Voted & Resolved That all such matters as by the aforesaid Act were to be brought forward and entered at the Superiour Court in said Counties at the next Term, and all other matters arising in said Counties, returnable to or Triable at said First Term, shall and may be brought forward & Entered at the second term of the Superiour Court in each of said Counties; and the said Court is hereby Authorized and fully impowered to take Cognizance of & Proceed upon the same in all respects as fully as they might have done, had the same been entered the First Term.

In Council Sept. 13^th^ 1776, Voted, That the foregoing be entered as a Resolve of this Board and be sent to the Hon^ble^ house for Concurrence. E. Thompson, Sec^y^.

In the House of Representatives, Sept. 14th, 1776.

The above resolve of the Honbl Council having been read & considered, Voted a Concurrence, and that the same be entered as a Resolve of this House.

P. White, Speaker.

Entered according to the original.

It having been represented to this house that James McMaster of Portsmouth is an enemy to the liberties of this State, and this House having had considerable Evidence thereof, It appears that it is dangerous to this State, Therefore

Voted & Ordered that the said James McMaster confine himself to the limits of the Town of Exeter, on pain of Imprisonment, until further order of this Assembly. Sent up by Dea. Baldwin. [Concurred.]

Voted, That all Selectmen & Committees within this State be and hereby are directed to make return of all the Association papers Delivered out to them to be sign'd by the Inhabitants, on the first Tuesday of the Next Session of this Assembly.

[P. 162.] At a Special Convention of the Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire on the 14th day of September 1776, afternoon, for the Purpose of raising a Battalion in this State to reinforce our army at New York &c.

Voted, That there be raised in this State one thousand men officers included, to reinforce the army of the United States of America at New York, to be divided into Two Regiments, Eight Companies to a Regiment, and three commissioned officers to each Company, to be in the service untill the first of December next unless sooner discharged; That each non-Commissioned officer & soldier shall receive Twenty dollars down upon being mustered, and be made equal to the Bounty of the Massachtts State afterwards; That the wages or pay of the officers & soldiers be the same & their Rations the same as in the Continental Army; That the officers & soldiers be paid upon their being ready to march untill they arrive at Head Quarters, or that Provision be made for them by some Person or Persons to be appointed by this State, untill they arrive at Head Quarters; That the Field officers of each Regiment of Militia nominate and appoint the Captains & subalterns of the Companies to be raised in their respective Regiments; That Col° Walker, Jonathan Blanchard, Benjamin Giles Esqr John Hurd, Esqr Capt. Prentice, Deacon Baldwin & Jacob Abbot Esqr be a Committee to give out orders & make provision for marching said men, to give orders to the several Colonels of Militia for raising their proportion of the men and all other Necessary orders for mustering and equipping them.

Voted That Capt. John House have orders to Enlist a Company of Fifty Voluntiers officers included for the purpose of Reinforcing our Army at New York, to be under the command of the Col° of one of the Regiments Voted to be raised for that purpose; and if Enlisted by him & mustered so as to be ready to march with said Regiments; these to have the same encouragement as the other Companies of said Regiment have.

[P. 163.] Monday, Sept. 16th 1776.

Voted, That the same [foregoing action of the Special Convention] be accepted and entered as a Resolve of this House.

Voted, That all officers and soldiers now in the pay of this State & station'd at New Castle and Piscataqua Harbour, Excepting Capt. Sutler's & Capt. Daniel's Mattross Companys be and hereby are discharged from Duty there. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, September 17th 1776.

Voted, That there be paid out of the Treasury to the Persons hereafter named, the several sums hereafter mentioned to pay off the officers and soldiers now to be raised, for a [P. 164.] reinforcement to our Army at New York, in their respective Regiments to be by the said several persons accounted for, viz. Col° William Whipple, four hundred seventy six pounds; Col° Stephen Evens six hundred pounds; Col° Jonathan Moulton, three hundred & fifty-four pounds; Majr Thomas Bartlett for Colonel Gilman's Regiment six hundred fifty four pounds; Col° John Webster for his own Regiment Two hundred Twenty Eight pounds & for Col° Matthew Thornton's Regiment Two hundred sixty four pounds; Lieut Col° Jacob Gale for Col° Bartlett's Regiment Four hundred and Fifty pounds; and Col° Thomas Stickney Four hundred sixty two pounds—and that the said several persons be and hereby are appointed Muster-masters & paymasters of said Troops in the said respective Regiments, and that the President give orders accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Jno. Smith. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Thomas Tash Esq^r be Colonel of the First Regiment now raising to reinforce our Army at New York, and that Maj^r Joseph Welch be Lieut. Colonel of said Regiment, and Lt. Colonel William Gregg be Major of said Regiment; That Nahum Baldwin Esq^r be Colonel of the Second Regiment of said Reinforcement, That Capt. Gordon Hutchins be Lieutenant Colonel, & Capt. Nathaniel Sartel Prentice Major of said second Regiment. Sent up by Col^o Walker.

Voted to choose a Com^tee of this House to join a Com^tee of the Hon^bl Board to consult upon a Plan of choosing & calling in the Next Council & Assembly for this State, and to form a Precept for calling the same, and to lay the same before this House as soon as may be; and that Col^o Walker, Matthew Patten, Esq^r Jonathan Lovewell Esq. John Dudley Esq^r and Dr. Dearborn be the Com^tee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

[P. 165.] Voted, That the field officers & staff officers of the Two Regiments of Reinforcements Destin'd for New York be paid one month's advance pay before they march. Sent up by Col. Walker.

Wednesday, September 18^th, 1776.

Voted, To establish a Post rider to ride weekly from Exeter to Charleston (No. 4) and back again to carry letters to & from the Northern Army, and that Mr. Wheeler, James Betton, Esq^r Col^o Walker and Mr. Grout be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^bl Board to consult together and make report to this house what Person is proper to employ for that Business, and what Towns he shall ride through, what time he shall set out from Exeter and what time he shall return. Also what sum is proper to advance out of the Treasury to encourage such Post rider. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

Whereas it is Represented to this house that there are sundry Perishable goods & effects in Amherst in the County of Hillsborough, belonging to Zaccheus Cutler, Esq. (who has lately fled from said Amherst & joined our Enemies) and are likely to be damaged unless taken care of, Therefore

Voted, That it be & hereby is recommended to the Committee of Safety of Amherst to take the said Goods & effects into their care, and return an Inventory of the same to this house or to the Committee of Safety of this State as soon as may be; and also that said Committee of Safety of Amherst take care of what Real Estate the said Cutter has in said Town, and lett out or improve the same that the Proffits thereof may not be lost. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Whereas it is represented to this house that there are sundry Goods & Effects of one Crane Brush (who hath lately fled to our Enemies) now in the Towne of Charleston in the County of Cheshire, which Goods & Effects are likely to be [P. 166.] Damaged or wasted unless taken care of: Therefore Voted That it be & hereby is recommended to the Committee of Safety of Charleston, to take the said Goods & Effects into their care, and return an Inventory thereof to this house or to the Committee of Safety of this State as soon as may be. Sent up by Dr. Nichols.

Whereas the Towns of Hanover, Relhan, Lebanon, Canaan, Cardigan and Grafton, were classed together in the Precept sent them for their choice of a Representative in this house—and it appearing that the said Towns are large enough in Number of Inhabitants to have two Representatives in the General Assembly, Therefore Voted and Resolved, That for the next choice of Representatives, Their be issued one Precept for a Representative to the Towns of Hanover, Canaan & Cardigan; and one precept for a Representative to the Towns of Lebanon, Relhan and Grafton. Sent up by James Betton, Esq. [Concurred.]

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Voted That a Committee of this house be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to consult and Nominate to this House proper persons for a Committee of Safety to transact the business of both Houses in the recess of the General Court; and to report what business is most necessary to be done this Session, and from what time & to what time this Court shall adjourn; and that John Dudley, Esq. James Gibson, Col^o^ Sherburne Col^o^ Baker, and Matthew Patten Esq^r^ be a Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Col^o^ Sherburne. [Concurred.]

[P. 167.] Voted, to concurr the resolve of the Hon^bl^ Council concerning Juries in all the Counties except Rockingham. Sent up.

In Council Sept. 18th, 1776.

Whereas many of the male Inhabitants in the several Counties within this State being now in the armies of the United States, persons cannot be spared from the Business of Husbandry &c. to form two Juries, viz. One for the Inferior Court and one for The Court of General Sessions of the Peace: And also considering that in all probability there will be little to do in the Said Courts for some time:

Therefore it is Resolv'd that the several Clerks of the Inferior Courts in the Counties of Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire and Grafton, Issue Venires to call Petit Juries to serve both at the Inferior & Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and the Jury impannell'd at the Inferior Court, if that shall set first in the County, shall be the Jury for the Sessions. And so if the Sessions set first the Jury Impannelled there shall be the Jury for the Inferior Court. This Resolve to be in force till further orders of the General Assembly. Sent down for concurrence.

Voted and Resolved, That Precepts signed by the President of the Council And Speaker of the House of Representatives, Issue to the Same Towns Parishes and places in this State for the choice of a New House of Representatives (as issued for the same number of Representatives for the present House) to meet at Exeter on the third Wednesday in December next & to continue for one year; and that the said precepts be returned by said third Wednesday in December next into the Secretary's office at Exeter, and the aforesd President & Speaker or either of them shall administer to the returned members before they take their seats, the Following Oath:

"You swear that will endeavour to the utmost of your power, Honestly, Faithfully & Impartially to act in your office of a Representative, for the best and true interest of this State & of your constituents, So HELP YOU GOD."

And in said Precepts for the choice of Representative, every voter in the County of Rockingham shall be directed at the meeting Called for the choice of Representatives, to bring in five votes on one paper, for five persons being respectable Free-holders and Inhabitants in that County, having a Real Estate of two hundred pounds in this State, to be members of the Council for the year ensuing, and after the votes are all bro't in, the several Town & Parish clerks are directed to seal up all such votes under cover and send them to Exeter by the second Wednesday in December next Directed to Messrs ——— ——— ——— ———, who are hereby appointed a Committee to receive all such votes, and carefully to Examin them, And the five persons who have the greatest Number of Votes, They shall summon to attend at Exeter on the third

Wednesday in December next to take their seats as members of the Council, and the said Committee shall return (by said third Wednesday in December next) to the President & Speaker aforesaid a Certificate under oath that said five Persons summoned had the greatest Number of Votes, as returned to them; and the said President or Speaker shall administer to each Person before he takes his seat as a member of the Council, an Oath to the same Purport as that taken by the Representatives.

[P. 168.] And in the Precepts to choose Representatives within the County of Strafford every Voter shall be directed to bring in his votes for Two persons to be members of the Council for the year ensuing as in Rockingham, Which votes shall be sealed up by each Town or Parish clerk and sent by them to Dover by the Second Wednesday in December next, Directed to —— —— —— —— a Committee hereby appointed for that purpose which Committee shall proceed in every respect as far as it relates to the choice of the two Members of the Council, as the Committee for Rockingham are directed to do in the choice of the Five.

And the same Directions shall be given in the Precepts, & observed by all concern'd for the Counties of Hillsborough and Cheshire, and —— —— —— —— —— —— are appointed a Committee for Hillsborough to meet at Amherst the Second Wednesday in December next, where and to whom votes are to be returned. And —— —— —— —— —— —— shall be the Committee for Cheshire, to meet at Walpole, where and to whom the votes shall be returned.

And in the Precepts for the County of Grafton the voters shall be directed to choose one person for a member of the Council for the ensuing year, and the votes shall be sealed and directed to —— —— —— —— —— —— —— a Committee hereby appointed for that Purpose & sent to —— —— —— by the second Wednesday in December next, which Committee shall make return as those in the other Counties.

And Forms of Precepts shall be made out by the Secretary in the following words:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Government and People of Said State, To the Selectmen of —— —— in Said State, Greeting:

You are hereby required to Notify the Legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the —— —— giving them fifteen days notice, to meet at some convenient place in your —— —— to elect —— —— person (having a real Estate of the value of Two hundred pounds Lawful money in this State, to Represent them in the Assembly to be held at Exeter, on the third Wednesday in December, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and to Empower such representative for the term of one year, from their first meeting to transact such Business, and pursue such measures as they may Judge necessary for the public good. And the person who shall be elected, you are to Notify that he attend at time & place above mentioned. And at said meeting Every Voter as aforesaid, on one paper is to bring in Votes for —— —— Persons being reputable Freeholders & Inhabitants within your County, having a Real Estate of Two hundred Pounds to serve as member of the Council for the year ensuing. And the Clerk of your —— —— is hereby directed to Seal up all such Votes under cover and send them to —— —— in your [P. 169.] County by the second Wednesday in December next, Directed to —— —— a Committee appointed to receive them. And it is Resolved that no person be allowed a seat in Council or Assembly, who shall by himself, or any person for him, before said choice, treat with Liquor &c. any Elector with an apparent view of gaining their Votes or afterwards on that account; and make return of this writ, with your doings thereon into the Secretary's office at Exeter, by the third Wednesday in December next.

By order of the Council & Assembly.

—— —— President.
—— —— Speaker.

—— —— Secretary.
Exeter, Sept^r 1776.

Thursday, September 19^th, 1776.

Voted, That Capt. Joseph Parsons of Rye, be second Major of the first Regiment of Militia in this State, in the room and stead of Ephraim Pickering who has resigned. Sent up by Capt. Simonds.

Voted, That Samuel Dudley Esq^r be Lieutenant Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in this State in the room & stead of Jeremiah Folsom Esq. who is dismist. Sent up by Capt. Simonds. [Concurred.]

Voted That Joseph Gilman of Exeter be and hereby is appointed Treasurer for the County of Rockingham, and that he be not qualified to act in said office untill he give bond in the sum of Two Thousand Pounds with two sureties in one thousand pounds each, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the use of said County, for the Faithfull Discharge of his said duty & Trust. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell. [Concurred.]

[P. 170.] Voted, That the Hon^bl Matthew Thornton Esq. have and receive out of the Treasury One hundred pounds Lawful money, to be by him accounted for, and that the

President give order of payment accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare Esq^r Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r Wyseman Clagett, Esq^r Phillips White Esq^r Samuel Cutts, Esq^r John Dudley Esq^r Capt. Josiah Moulton, Mr. John Smith, Col^o Otis Baker, Richard Downing Esq^r & Matthew Patten, Esq^r be and hereby are appointed a Committee of Safety of this State, to transact the Business of the Council & Assembly in the recess of the Court, with all the Powers & Authorities that the last Committee of Safety of this State had, Used & Exercised. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

Upon reading the Petition of Asa Porter, praying to be released from his confinement in Prison,

Voted, That the petitioner be released from his imprisonment in Exeter Goal, he giving Bond agreeable to the former vote of this house, to confine himself to the Town of New Town in the County of Rockingham untill further order of this Court. Sent up by Col. Walker. [Concurred.]

[P. 171.] Voted and Resolved, That as any new Towns or Settlements in this State shall increase in their Number of Inhabitants from year to year or from time to time, Precepts shall Issue for their sending delegates to Council & Assembly, so as to be fully represented according to their Numbers Proportionable with other parts of the State. Sent up by Mr. Ames. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved, That when and so often as it shall happen that any Person or persons not being soldiers in the service of this or any of the United States, shall be indebted (upon simple contract) to any creditor or Creditors, Inhabitants within this State, and any such Debtor shall be seized of any Real Estate in Fee Simple, or Personal Estate within the same State: It shall and may be Lawful for any such Creditor to Purchase a writ from out of the Inferior Court as the Law directs, and by virtue thereof may attach such Estate, and Proceed to Judgment and Execution, Unless at the time of Calling the said Action, the Defendant shall give good security (to be determined by the Court) to answer the Plaintiffs demand; and if it shall appear to such Court that such security was tendered within six months before the Action brought, such action shall be dismissed and the Defendant allowed his costs. And also whenever it shall appear that any Defendant is a soldier or any ways employed in the service of the United States and necessarily absent, The Judges of the Court are hereby enjoined *ex officio*, to cause such case to be continued from time to time as occasion may require, untill the return of the defendant.

It is also Resolved That such Process may be had & Issued & such attachments made upon the Debts and Estate of absconding Debtors in the hands of any Attorney, Agent, Factor or Trustees, as were heretofore accustomed by virtue of a Law of the late Province of New Hampshire. Sent up by the Clerk. [Concurred.]

[P. 172.] The Petition of James McMaster being read and considered,

Voted, That Peter Mitchell confine himself to the town of Exeter in this State, untill further order of this Court, upon Pain of Imprisonment.

Voted, That the vote of this house appointing Joseph Parsons of Rye second Major of the First Regiment be & hereby is reconsidered & made void.

Voted That Major George Gains be and hereby is appointed Second Major of the First Regiment of Militia in this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the thanks of this House be presented by the Speaker to Col° David Gilman for his good services to this State as Colonel of the Provincial Troops lately stationed at New Castle and Piscataqua Harbour. Which was accordingly done in Presence of the House.

Friday, September 20th 1776.

[P. 173–174.] Voted That the several Captains of the Mattross Companies stationed at Piscataqua Harbour have orders to Enlist such of their Companies as will Enlist as Mattrosses in the Battalion now raising on the Continental Establishment to be under the Command of such field officers as the Continental Congress shall Commission to command such Battalion. Sent up by Capt. Long. [Concurred.]

Voted That Hercules Mooney, Esq. be Lieutenant Colonel of the Continental Battalion now raising in this State, and that Capt. Caleb Hodgsdon be Major of said Battalion in the room & stead of said Hercules Mooney, being advanced. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

Voted That the Militia Act be forthwith Printed and Two hundred and Fifty Copies of it Dispersed through this State.

[P. 175.] Voted That James Knowles Esq. and Mr. George Place of Rochester, be a Committee to call upon Mr. Jonathan Door of Lebanon in the County of York, & Desire he would shew them a Lead mine lately Discovered by him, that they may bring some of the ore for trial in this State, and if it should prove good to Engage upon the Honour of this Court that he shall be well paid for his Discovery & trouble.

The following Resolve was passed Sept^r 5^th 1776, but not then Entered, viz:

Whereas the American Congress have lately extended their Former Resolutions relating to ships & other vessells, their Tackle, apparel and Furniture and all goods, Wares & merchandise belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Great Britain taken upon the High Seas or between high & low water mark; To all ships and other Vessells, their Tackle, apparel and Furniture, and all goods Wares & Merchandise belonging to any subject or subjects of the King of Great Britain, Except the Inhabitants of the Bermudas and Providence or the Bahama Islands: In order to carry into effect the Resolutions of said Congress touching the above matters according to the Design and Intent thereof;

[P. 176.] Be it Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Council and house of Representatives for said Colony, That the Judge of the Court Maratime for this Colony for the time being, is hereby fully & amply Impowered to hear Try, adjudge & Determine the Justice of any Capture or Captures of any ships or other vessell, their Tackle, Apparell & Furniture, and of all goods, Wares & Merchandize belonging to any subject or subjects of the said King, Except as before excepted, that have been or shall be taken and brought into any Port or place within this Colony; And if upon Trial of such Capture or Captures it shall be found that the ships or other vessells and goods, Wares & Merchandise so taken & brought in, belong to any of the subjects aforesaid, Except as before excepted, Then the said Judge shall and may Proceed to condemn & Distribute the Same, as the Law of said Colony & Resolutions of said Congress shall direct. Sent up by the Clerk. [Concurred.]

Sept. 20th 1776.

The House adjourn'd to the last Wednesday of November next at three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the Court House in Exeter.

Atts NOAH EMERY, Clr D. P.

Accts, Petitions, Votes &c. passed on by the House and concurred, from Sept. 13 to Sept. 20th, 1776, inclusive.

Petition of John House & Daniel Clap for pay for Camp Kettles &c. not granted.

Col. Bellow's excused from sending his quota of men &c.

Col. Ashley not excused from sending his quota &c.

Rangers to receive one half months pay, upon being mustered.

Billeting to be paid to the New York regiments.

Nahum Baldwin allowed to dispose of fire arms in his hands, to soldiers going to New York—price £3: 10 each.

Bread Act adopted and put in force.

Petition of Selectmen of Charlestown, to be paid for charge of sickness of Nathl Hatch—not granted.

Committee of Safety, of Wakefield, all'd, £2: 4: 0.

Selectmen of Brentwood all'd for guns & blankets—

Danl Fowle's acct. allowed £14:

Nathl Jordan's acct allowed £5: 6: 6.

Benja Giles acct. allowed £2: 16 : 0.

Meshech Weare & Doctor Dearborn's acct allowed £10: 1: 0¾.

Asa Davis' Acct allowed & settled.

Comtee to examin Doct. Josiah Gilman's acct.

Scouting party at Conway to be under direction of the Committee of Safety.

Petition of Alexander Scott & others, of Stoddard—hearing granted.

Petition of John Dutton & others, of Stoddard—hearing granted.

Tax Act passed.

Petition of Oliver Parker—hearing granted.

Rev. Elijah Fletcher, all'd, £0: 12: 0.

Jonathan Leavitt, all'd £1: 19: 8.

Capt. Dearing all'd pay roll—£50 : 5: 8.

Committee of Safety for last year, all'd, 8*s* per day, and travel

Committee of Safety for current year, 7*s* per day, and travel

Col. Hurd, all'd £400, for Rangers at Cohoss.

Nathl Furber, all'd £6: 7: 6.

Col. David Gilman, all'd Staff Roll, £65: 9: 0

Report of Comtee on Col. David Gilman's acct. accepted.

Doct. Josiah Gilman's acct. all'd £11: 17: 7½

Simeon Ladd all'd £2: 8: 0, to build a watch-house.

Josh. Wiggin, all'd £3: 8: 0

Powder mill Comtee all'd £4: 8: 0

Amos Dakin all'd £1: 9: 8.

Oliver Capron all'd £1: 6: 6.

Elijah Grout all'd £15: 0: 0

Capt. Timothy Clement's pay Roll all'd £334: 8: 8

Capt. Nathan Brown's pay Roll all'd £363: 10: 11.
Capt. John Calfe's pay Roll all'd £379: 10: 11
Capt. Titus Salter's pay Roll all'd £189: 9: 4.
Hon. Matt. Thornton, all'd £40.
Capt. Worthen, all'd £50, to build a Bridge at New Castle.
Henry Prescott, added to Com^{tee} for New Castle Bridge.
Petition of Anna Richardson, against Benjamin French, referred to any Justice of the Peace in Rockingham Co.
Committee to report allowance for Col. Gilman's table.
Old Fees as authorized by law, to be taken.
Pay of members, 6*s* pr. day, & two pence per mile travel.
Pay of Council, 6*s* per day & two pence per mile travel.
Noah Emery Clerk 6*s*. per day extra.
Eben^{r} Thompson, Sec^{y} 6*s*. per day extra.

SPECIAL CONVENTION.

[p. 177.] State of New Hampshire.

Wednesday, Octr 16, 1776.

At a Special Convention of the Honbl House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire Begun and held at the Court House in Exeter on the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1776 at three o'clock afternoon, being convened by summons from the Honble Committee of Safety for said State, in consequence of a Requisition of the Honbl the Continental Congress concerning raising Three Battalions in this State to serve during the Warr, &c.

The members being called over & seated, The Clerk read the Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 16th, 18th & 19th of September last and the Honbl President Hancock's Letter of Requisition thereon. Then the House adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Resolve of Congress for raising an army during the war.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 280.]

In Congress, September 16, 1776.

RESOLVED, That eighty-eight Battalions be enlisted as soon as possible, to serve during the present War, and that each State furnish their respective Quotas in the following Proportions, viz.

New Hampshire	3	Battalions
Massachusetts Bay	15	Ditto.
Rhode Island	2	Ditto.
Connecticut	8	Ditto.
New York	4	Ditto.
New Jersey	4	Ditto.
Pennsylvania	12	Ditto.
Delaware	1	Ditto
Maryland	8	Ditto.
Virginia	15	Ditto.
North Carolina	9	Ditto.
South Carolina	6	Ditto.
Georgia	1	Ditto.

That Twenty Dollars be given as a Bounty to each non-commissioned Officer and private Soldier, who shall enlist to serve during the present war, unless sooner discharged by Congress.

That Congress make Provision for granting Lands in the following Proportions to the Officers and soldiers who shall so engage in the service, and continue therein to the close of the War, or until discharged by Congress, and to the Representatives of such officers and soldiers as shall be slain by the Enemy; Such Lands to be provided by the United States, and whatever Expence shall be necessary to procure Such Land, the said Expence shall be paid and borne by the States in the Same Proportion as the other Expences of the War, viz :

To a Colonel,	500 Acres.
a Lieutenant Colonel	450 Ditto.
a Major	400 Ditto.
a Captain	300 Ditto.
a Lieutenant	200 Ditto.
an Ensign	160 Ditto.

Each non-commissioned officer & soldier, 100 Acres.

That the appointment of all officers and filling up vacancies (except general Officers) be left to the Governments of the several States and that every State provide Arms, cloathing and every Necessary for its Quota of Troops according to the foregoing Estimate ; the Expence of the cloathing to be deducted from the pay of the Soldiers as usual.

That all Officers be commissioned by Congress.

That it be recommended to the several States that they take the most speedy and Effectual Measures for enlisting their several Quotas. That the Money to be given for Bounties be paid by the Paymaster in the Department where the soldier shall Enlist.

That each Soldier receive pay and Subsistence from the time of their Enlistment.

September 18, 1776.

RESOLVED, That if Rations be received by the Officers or Privates in the Continental Army in money, they be paid at the Rate of Eight Ninetieth parts of a dollar per Ration.

That the Bounty and Grants of Land, offered by Congress by a Resolution of the 16th Instant as an Encouragement to the officers and Soldiers to engage to serve in the Army of the United States during the War, shall extend to all who are or shall be Enlisted for that term, the Bounty of ten Dollars which any of the soldiers have received from the Continent on account of a former Enlistment, to be reckoned in part Payment of the Twenty Dollars offered by said Resolution.

That no officer in the Continental Army is allowed to hold more than one Commission, or to receive pay but in one capacity.

September 19, 1776.

That the Adjutants of Regiments in the Continental Army be allowed the Pay and Rations of Captains, and have the Rank of first Lieutenants.

In order to prevent the officers and soldiers who shall be entitled to the Lands hereafter to be granted by the Resolution of Congress of the 16th, from disposing of the Same during the war,

Resolved, That this Congress will not grant Lands to any person or persons claiming under the assignment of an officer or soldier.

By order of the Congress
John Hancock, President.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock—relating to enlistment of Soldiers during the War.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 292.]

Philada. Sept. 24th, 1776.

Gentlemen—

You will perceive by the inclosed Resolves, which I have the honor to forward, in obedience to the Commands of Congress, that they have come to a determination to augment our Army, and to engage the Troops to serve during the War. As an Inducement to enlist on these Terms, the Congress have agreed to give, besides a Bounty of twenty dollars, a Hundred Acres of Land to each soldier; and in Case he should fall in Battle, they have resolved that his children, or other Representatives, shall succeed to such Land.

The many ill consequences arising from a short & limited Inlistment of Troops, are too obvious to be mentioned. In general, give me leave to observe, that to make men well acquainted with the duties of a soldier, requires Time; and to bring them under proper subordination and Discipline, not only requires time, but has always been a work of much difficulty. We have had frequent experience that men of a few days standing, will not look forward; but as the time of their discharge approaches, grow careless of their arms, ammunition &c. and impatient of all Restraint. The Consequence of which is, the latter Part of the time for which the soldier engaged, is spent in undoing what the greatest Pains had been taken to inculcate at first. Need I add to this, that the Fall of the late General Montgomery before Quebeck is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the limited time for which the Troops were engaged, whose Impatience to return home, compelled him to make the attack, contrary to the conviction of his own Judgment. This Fact alone furnishes a striking Argument of the Danger and Impropriety of sending Troops into the field, under any Restriction as to the Time of their Inlistment. The noblest enterprise may be left unfinished by Troops in such a Predicament or abandoned at the very moment success must have crowned the attempt.

The heavy and enormous expences consequent upon calling for the Militia, the Delay attending their Motions, and the Difficulty of keeping them in the Camp, render it extremely improper to place our whole dependence upon them. Experience hath uniformly convinced us of this, some of the Militia having actually deserted the Camp, at the very moment their services were most wanted. In the mean time the strength of the British Army which is great is rendered much more formidable by the Superior Order and Regularity which prevail in it.

Under these circumstances, and in this Situation of our affairs, it is evident that the Only Means left us of preserving our Liberties, is the Measure which the Congress have now adopted, and which I am ordered most earnestly to recommend to you, to carry into immediate effect.

Without a well disciplined Army, we can never expect success ag^st^ veteran Troops; and it is totally impossible we should have a well disciplined Army, unless our Troops are engaged to serve during the war. To attain therefore this most desirable End, I am to request you will at once, and without a moments delay, bend all your attention to raise your Quota of the American army. The Times call for the greatest Dispatch and Vigour of Conduct. When the bloody Standard of Tyranny is erected in a land of Liberty, no good man, no Friend of his Country, can possibly remain an inactive Spectator of her Fall. Display therefore, I most earnestly entreat you that Virtue which alone can Save her, on this occasion. Let us convince our enemies, that as we entered into the present contest for the Defence of our Liberties, so we are resolved, with the firmest Reliance on Heaven for the Justice of our Cause, never to relinquish it, but rather perish in the Ruins of it. If we do but remain firm, if we are undismayed at the little Shocks of Fortune, and are determined at all hazards that we will be free, I am persuaded, under the gracious smiles of Providence, assisted by our most strenuous endeavours, we shall finally succeed agreeably to our wishes, and thereby establish the Independence, the Happiness, and the glory of the United States of America.

As the Troops now in service belonging to the several States, will be considered as part of their Quota in the American Army, you will please to take such steps as you judge necessary to ascertain what number of the Troops, as well as what Officers will engage to serve during the war. I send by this Express, blank Commissions, to be filled up with such as you shall please to appoint. I also forward a Number of the Rules and Articles of War, altered by Congress and just published.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen, your most Obed^t^ &
Very Hh^bl^ Serv^t^,
John Hancock, Presid^t^.

Hon^ble^ Assembly of the
State of New Hampshire.

Thursday, October 17^th^, 1776.

The House met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the House Resolve themselves into a Committee to join the Hon^bl^ Board in order to confer & act upon the business necessary to be done.

Voted, That this House resume their Power as a House of Representatives.

Voted To chose a Committee to repair immediately to Boston in order to confer with the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay upon the Best method of raising the New army, or if they have fixed upon a method of raising their Quota of said army, to get Information thereof, and make return to this Court as soon as may be, and that Col^o^

Timothy Walker and Mr. James Gibson be the Committee for that purpose.

Voted That the Precepts to be sent out for choosing the Council & Representatives for the ensuing year Issue to Lyndsborough instead of Wilton, Temple instead of Peterborough, Surry instead of Alstead, Plainfield instead of Cornish, New Town instead of South Hampton, Hillsborough instead of Deering, Salisbury instead of Boscawen, Sandwich instead of Moultonborough, Monadnoc No. 5 instead of Dublin, Sandown instead of Hawke, Poplin instead of Raymond, and Bedford instead of Merrimac. Sent up by Mr. Prescott. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted to have a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to take into consideration whether the Town of Conway separately may be allowed to send a Representative to the Gen^l^ Court the ensuing year, or whether they make choice of a Representative in conjunction with other Towns, either in the manner they did for the current year, or otherwise, and to make report thereon as soon as may be.

Voted, That John Dudley Esq. Col. Badger & Col. Gilman be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn. [Concurred—Mr. Folsom & Mr. Giles added.]

[P. 178.] Whereas a Complaint is Exhibited by the Committee of Safety of Nottingham against Benjamin Whittier of said Town respecting his being Inimical to the Liberties of the United States of America. In consideration of which,

Voted That the said Whittier be ordered to make his appearance before the Gen^l^ Court on Friday the 18^th^ Inst. at three o'clock in the Afternoon, then & there to answer to such things as may be alledged against him. Sent up by Maj^r^ Bartlett. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this house consisting of five persons to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board to take into consideration the Expediency of Choosing a Com^tee^ or Com^tees^ to send to our armies at New York & Ticonderoga to use their Influence in engaging Soldiers for the New Army to be raised agreeable to a late requisition of Congress, and make report thereon to this house as soon as may be; And Col^o^ Sherburne, John McClary Esq^r^ Col^o^ Badger, Col^o^ Kelley & Col^o^ Gilman be and hereby are appointed a Committee of this House for that Purpose. Sent up by John Dudley, Esq^r [Concurred—Messrs. Folsom, Giles, Clagett, Blanchard & Ashley added.]

Voted, That the President of the Council make out a Permit for Mr. James M. Gregore of Londonderry to Pass from this State to the State of New York.

Friday, October 18th 1776.

[P. 179.] Voted, That Capt. Harriman, Col^o Evans, Col^o Sherburne, John McClary, Esq^r Col^o Badger, Col^o Kelley & Col^o Gilman be a Com^tee of this House to join a Com^tee of the Hon^bl Board to Nominate to this house Eight Persons, out of whom for this house to appoint four to be sent as a Committee with such orders & Powers as the Court see fit to Entrust them with, to Ticonderoga, and that some one or more of them may go from thence to New York, after knowing what can be done at Ticonderoga Concerning Enlisting the New Battalion to be raised in this State. Sent up by Col^o Evans. [Concurred—Messrs. Folsom, Giles, Clagett, Blanchard & Ashley added.]

An Information and accusation being laid before this house by the Com^tee of Safety of Nottingham against Benjamin Whittier of said Nottingham, as being Enemical to the Liberties of this State, Being exhibited to this Court, and the said Whittier being bro't before this house to answer to the same, and the Parties being fully heard thereon, It appears to this House that the said Benjamin Whittier is not friendly to the Liberties of the States of America: It is therefore ordered, That the said Benjamin Whittier Recognise to the Government & People of this State in the sum of Five hundred pounds for his good Behaviour towards this State and the other United States of America in all respects, for the Term of six months next ensuing, and that he stand Committed untill this order be comply'd with. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

Saturday October 19th 1776.

Benjamin Whittier of Nottingham in the County of Rockingham, Yeoman, came before this House and recognised to the Government & People of the State of New Hampshire in the Sum of five hundred pounds for his good Behaviour towards this State, and the other United States of America, in all respects for the term of six months next ensuing.

Att: N. EMERY, Cl. D. Rep^r.

[P. 180.] Voted, to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to consult and report to this house what method is best to take concerning the Powder now on hand in this State, whether to store it or Distribute it into Several Towns (as the Powder house in Exeter is full) and that Ichabod Rollins, Esq^r John Bell Esq^r & Col^o David Gilman be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Betton.

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Benjamin Giles Esq^r & Jonathan Blanchard Esq^r of the Councill, Col^o David Gilman & Col^o Stephen Evans of this House be and hereby are apppointed a Com^{tee} to go to Ticonderoga with such orders & Powers as the General Court shall see fit to intrust them with, respecting recruiting the New Battalions now to be raised in this State on the Continental Establishment, and for one or more of them to go from thence to New York, if necessary, after knowing what can be done at Ticonderoga respecting recruiting said Battalions, and to try what recruits they can raise among our Soldiers there for the said Battalions. Sent up by Jn^o Dudley, Esq^r. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved that the third Thursday of November next be & hereby is appointed to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving throughout this State, and that the Com^{tee} of Safety of this State Form a Proclamation to be signed by the President & Printed and dispersed throughout this State for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

Other matters acted on by the Convention, Oct. 16, 17, 18 and 19—1776.

Com^{tee} appointed to examine Muster Rolls—viz. Henry Prescott, Col. David Gilman, & Dr. Dearborn.

Salt petre Com^{tee} to draw pay for what is received.

The Receiver Gen^l authorised to receive and pay for Gunlocks made in this State.

Capt. Titus Salter, all'd on pay Roll, £199 : 11 : 11.

Dunbarton allowed to have one-half barrell of Powder.

Joseph Stacey's acc^t all'd. 15*s*.

Petition of Margaret Little of Bedford against James Carnes—hearing granted.

Capt. Eliphalet Daniel's pay Roll all'd, £141 : 15 : 6.

Precepts to Jaffrey, & Peterborough to send a member; also Rindge to send one member.

Salt Petre committee to exchange powder for Salt petre.

Sam^l Moore's Acc^t all'd, £1 : 12 : 0.

Officers & Soldiers raised in New Hampshire to be paid the same as in Massachusetts.

Enlisting orders to be given out.

Nathan Taylor, door keeper, all'd 12*s*.

The House adjourn'd to Wednesday the twenty seventh day of November next at three of the clock, afternoon, then to meet at the Court House in Exeter.

Att: N. EMERY, Cl. D. Rep^{r}.

A Pay Roll of the Members of the Hon^{bl} House of Representatives at a special Convention begun & held at Exeter on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1776, on a Summons from the Hon^{bl} Committee of Safety.

Names of Members.	Travel.	Days.	(1) Sum total.
Hon. Phillips White, Speaker	8	4	£1 : 6 : 8
Noah Emery Esq. Clerk	0	3	0 : 18 : 0
Samuel Cutts, Esq.	14	4	1 : 8 : 8
Samuel Sherburne	14	3	1 : 2 : 8
John Bell, Esq^{r}	22	4	1 : 11 : 4
Moses Barnett, Esq.	22	4	1 : 11 : 4
Stephen Morse	20	4	1 : 10 : 8
Robert Wilson Esq.	14	4	1 : 8 : 8
Josiah Moulton, Esq.	8	4	1 : 6 : 8
Dr. Levi Dearborn	6	3	1 : 0 : 0
Richard Downing Esq^{r}	15	4	1 : 9 : 0
Henry Prescott, Esq.	17	3	1 : 3 : 8
Nathan Goss	12	3	1 : 2 : 0
Benj^{a} Barker, Esq.	3	4	1 : 5 : 0
Ezekiel Worthen	7	4	1 : 6 : 4
Sam^{l} Philbrick Esq.	4	4	1 : 5 : 4
Sam^{l} Kimball	16	4	1 : 9 : 4
Caleb Dustin	20	4	1 : 10 : 8
James Gibson	35	2	1 : 3 : 8
John Dudley Esq.	18	4	1 : 10 : 0
Sam^{l} Dudley Esq^{r}	5	4	1 : 5 : 8
David Gilman Esq^{r}	35	4	1 : 15 : 8
James Betton, Esq^{r}	26	4	1 : 12 : 8
Timothy Walker, Esq^{r}	40	2	1 : 5 : 4
Thomas Clough	40	4	1 : 17 : 4
Nehemiah Wheeler	8	4	1 : 6 : 8
Jere: Eastman, Esq.	22	4	1 : 11 : 4
Capt. Caleb Page	50	4	2 : 0 : 8
John McClary Esq^{r}	24	4	1 : 12 : 0
Thomas Bartlett, Esq^{r}	12	3	1 : 2 : 0
Stephen Evens Esq^{r}	18	4	1 : 10 : 0
Otis Baker Esq^{r}	18	4	1 : 10 : 0

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(1) The pay for travel was at the rate of 4*d*. per mile, and for attendance 6*s*. per day. —ED.

Names of Members.	Travel.	Days.	Sum total.
John Smith 3^{d}	12	4	1 : 8 : 0
Ichabod Rollins, Esq^{r}	21	4	1 : 11 : 0
James Knowles Esq	25	4	1 : 12 : 4
James Marden	25	4	1 : 12 : 4
Joseph Badger Esq.	40	4	1 : 17 : 4
Nathaniel Balch	50	4	2 : 0 : 8
Jon^{a} Lovewell Esq.	40	4	1 : 17 : 4
Stephen Ames	44	4	1 : 18 : 8
Stephen Harriman	50	3	1 : 14 : 8
Amos Daken	58	4	2 : 3 : 4
Asa Davis Esq^{r}	35	4	1 : 15 : 8
Moses Kelley Esq^{r}	35	4	1 : 15 : 8
Henry Gerrish Esq^{r}	50	2	1 : 8 : 8
Samuel Moore	65	4	2 : 5 : 8
Joseph Simonds	65	4	2 : 5 : 8
Timothy Ellis Esq.	88	4	2 : 13 : 4
Archibald Robinson	100	3	2 : 11 : 4
Joseph Rounseval	85	4	2 : 12 : 4
Enoch Hale Esq.	72	4	2 : 8 : 0
Daniel Brainerd	94	3	2 : 9 : 4
Noah Emery Extra pay as Clerk			0 : 18 : 0
John Smith, Extra pay as Ass^{t} clerk			0 : 12 : 0
			£86 : 10 : 8.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTE. The following papers—Correspondence, &c., relating to public matters from August 23d to October 8th, 1776, are contained in Vol. IV. State Papers, in the Secretary's office, and are all of historical interest and value.—ED.

Letter from the Committee of Safety, Charlestown, to General Horatio Gates.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 226.]

Charlestown, 23^{d} Augst 1776.

SIR—We have rec'd the fav^{r} of your Honours Request of the 19th Inst. directed to the Com^{tee} of Safety for the Town of Charlestown and communicated to us thro' the Hands of the Rev^{d} Mr. Olcott, desiring of us to examine into the conduct of Doct^{r} Stevens in inoculating the Troops on their march thro' this place to Ticonderoga. As we may presume to say, we have the publick service of the army, and the deliverance, freedom & safety of our Country, as truly at Heart as any can pretend to, so that we cannot but join with you in condemning a practice that must have the most pernicious effects in regard to the Health and success of the Army: And had your information respecting Dr. Stevens conduct that he has inoculated the Militia as fast as they arrived at No. 4, been founded on the truth of facts, we freely acknowledge it would justly have merited the high Resentment you have expressed.

Pursuant to your request we have called Doct. Stevens before us, and had him under examination. We are sorry to observe that we were under the necessity and disadvantage of examining the Doct^{r} without his being under the solemnity of an Oath, by reason that no qualified Magistrate could be obtained to administer it; yet the Doct^{r} has made such solemn declarations before us, which together with Collateral Evidence from other Quarters, is to us satisfactory as to the true state of the Matters relative to his conduct in inoculating. Indeed, Sir, we cannot pretend after due examination wholly to exculpate the Doct^{r}; all that we think necessary to take upon us at present is, to give you an exact account of what we find to be the true state of the Doctor's conduct and our doings relative thereto, and thus you will be capable of judging how far the Doct^{r} is culpable, and whether or not we have done the Duty that might be expected of us in the case.

When Capt. Wetherbee began to inlist his Company the small Pox was *brief* [rife?] in the Army at Crown Point; some that intended to enlist & others who had inlisted, in the whole to the number of about Twenty-five, applied to Doct^{r} Stevens & were by him inoculated.

Three or four weeks after this Capt. Wingate with a number of other officers on their march to Ticonderoga applied to Doctʳ Stevens to be inoculated, and were by him refused; and on this ground that he had lately understood it was contrary to General Orders that any of the marching Troops should be inoculated. A short time after this being applied to by Col. Fuller and Doctʳ Meriam partly thro' their importunity & partly thro' their signifying they had applied to a General officer for liberty, who had not forbidden them, Doctʳ Stevens was prevailed upon to inoculate them and their servants, & Lieut. Mooney, to the number of five, and this is the whole number of the marching Troops that Docᵗ Stevens has inoculated, tho' great numbers have applied to him & been refused.

We trust your Honʳ from this representation will view the matter in something of a different light from what it seems your information has exhibited; We only beg leave further to observe that we will take all possible care that no other of the Troops shall be inoculated and that all whether officers or others, now under inoculation here shall be perfectly cleansed, before they march to join the Army at Ticonderoga.

We conclude by assuring your Honor that we shall be ever ready to serve you & army in this or any other Business that may come before us.
Samˡ Hunt—Chairman of the Comᵗᵉᵉ
of Safety, Charlestown.

Honᵇˡ Horatio Gates, Esq. (Copy.)

Letter from Colᵒ Moulton.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 228.]

{ State of New
Hampshire: Rockingham SS.

To the Honourable Committee of Safety of the State Aforesaid:

Pursuant to orders, directing me to raise & equip Fifty nine men out of the Regiment under my command, in order to join & assist our Army at New York, at this important crises, I have with the greatest dispatch in my Power, caused said Number of men to be raised & equipp'd (saving two) and have also mustered said men & paid to each Commission officer, one months advance pay, & to each non-Commission officer & Private their Bounty, besides two pounds ten shillings to each officer & soldier, for their travelling expences from their Homes to Head Quarters, agreeable to the Resolve of the Council & Assembly of said State; and having formed said Men into a Company & appointed a Captain & two subalterns to the same (a List of which is inclosed) I have ordered said Captain to march off, with his Company, on Thursday the 25ᵗʰ Instant and to continue the same, with all possible dispatch towards New York by the way of Hartford in the State of Connecticut, where I have directed him to stop, to receive directions for his further Regulation. I have also furnished him with such Copys and Certificates, as I apprehended woul'd be necessary that he should have committed to his care.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Humbˡ Servᵗ
Jona. Moulton.

Hampton, Augᵗ 24, 1776.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bailey.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 236.]

Newbury, 27 August, 1776.

GENT^{n}—According to your desire the Continental men under my inspection have tarried and about twenty-five have Inlisted to tarry until the first of December, to be under the command of Sam^{l} Atkinson, Capt., Jonathan Robbins Lt. and Peter Dustin, Ensign, and will wait upon you for the Bounty, marching money, and further orders as I did not think best to Inlist the Inhabitants and have sent Mr. Atkinson and the other two to Inlist the remainder. The men will certainly be wanted, if our Army should proceed over the Lake, we shall imploy them in that service to make the road, drive cattle, &c. if not, the Enemy will undoubtedly come to us. I have sent to Gener^{l} Gates and doubtless shall in two days know the certainty and shall transmit to you. Col^{o} Hurd will inform of other matters. I am, Gent^{n} with the greatest regard, Your most Humble serv^{t}

JACOB BAILEY.

Letter from Col. Thomas Stickney, to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 314.]

Concord, Augst 28th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Pursuant to orders, Rec^{d} from Maj^{r} General Folsom, dated the 3^{d} of July last, requiring me forthwith to raise & equip One hundred & sixteen men, out of the Regiment under my Command, in order to reinforce the Army under Gen^{l} Sullivan, suppos'd to be at Crown Point; and to make a Return of my doings therein to you; I immediately Issued my orders to the several Captains in my Regiment, to forthwith Raise their respective Quota, & by the Returns they made me of their doings therein, it appears that the whole number of said Men are rais'd Equipt & March'd to the place of their destination.

I am, your most Hum^{bl} Serv^{t}
THOS. STICKNEY, Colonel
of the 13th Regiment in the Colony of New Hampshire.

To the Hon^{bl} the Committee
of Safety, for the Colony of New Hampshire.

Letter relating to the Ship Prince George.

[State Pap. Rev^{n}. Vol. IV. p. 316.]

Portsm^{o}. Aug^{t} 29th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

The Ship Prince George commanded by Capt. Emms had her trial last week; the Jury brought in their Verdict & condemned three quarters of Ship & Cargo to the use of the Colony—the other quarter to the Matross Company (Stationed at Fort Washington) to be equally divided between officers & privates—tho' both the Resolves of Congress & Law of the Colony, say, the Captors shall have one third & the Colony two.

There was also a trial of the Masts &c. which were claimed by Mr. Perry: the Jury thought the claim was not Good, & condemned them to the use of the Colony likewise. I shall in a day or two decree According to the Jury's Verdict & Issue a Precept to the Sheriff to sell and make distribution According to said Verdicts, and should be glad you would appoint Pearse Long Esq^{r} Agent for the Colony, that there may be somebody here to take care of its Interest, &c.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obed^{t} hh^{bl} Serv^{t},

J. BRACKETT.

Letter from Portsmouth Committee, concerning a Billiard Table.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 242.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Safety for the Town of Portsmouth held at their Hall on the 31st day of August, 1775:

Voted, That the following state of a case this day brought before us be presented to the Colony Congress for their advisement.

Mr. Moses Woodward complains against a number of persons making a forceable Entry into his house on the Evening of the 28th Instant, and then and there with force and violence destroyed a Billiard Table which he had not suffered to be used for fourteen days past, and that thereby he was damaged to the Value of Twenty five pounds Lawfull money (as he says) and the life of his wife also endangered, who is far advanced in her pregnancy, and upon evidence being brought by him in support of his complaint, it appears to this Committee, That he has fully proved that George Pierce, William Walden, George Walden, Samuel Odiorne & William Broughton were (among others) the persons concerned in this assault, and the said Committee considering the Said conduct of these persons to be of too high a nature for their determination, have agreed humbly to submit the Same to the wisdom of the Colony Congress, and to Order the said persons into the custody of Capt. Titus Salter, an officer in the Colony service, untill the Congress shall determine the same.

By order of the Com^{tee}

H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

[Indorsed] "Letter from Portsmouth
Com^{tee} concerning Woodward's Billiard
Table, 31 Oct. 1777." (1)

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, relating to the danger of an Attack on New York.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 252.]

Philadelphia, Sept. 3^{d}, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

Our enemies being determined to make a powerful attack on New York and the States adjoining thereto, & having for this purpose collected their whole force from every part of the Continent, it is incumbent on the United States of America to take the most effectual measures to defeat their deep laid Scheme against their country.

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(1) There appears to be some confusion of dates. Probably the paper is misplaced.—ED.

The Congress have just received Information from Gen^{l} Washington of the very great & Superior Strength of the Enemy, and if we consider the recent change in the Situation of our affairs at New York, we shall soon be convinced that nothing will prove an adequate Remedy in our present circumstances, but the most vigorous exertions on our Part. I am therefore by order of Congress to request you will immediately send all the aid in your power to our Army at New York.

The State of our affairs is so extremely critical that Delay may be attended with fatal consequences. Suffer me therefore to press you in the name & by the Authority of your Country, to an immediate compliance, & with all the earnestness so naturally suggested by the Importance of the cause. Altho' I doubt not your own ardor would be a sufficient stimulus when called on by the voice of Liberty, yet my anxiety is so great I cannot refrain on the present occasion from beseeching you to exert yourselves. Everything is at Stake; our Religion, our Liberty, the Peace & happiness of Posterity, are the grand objects in Dispute; which, that we may be able to procure & transmit to future generations, is the constant & uninterrupted wish of

Gentlemen, your most obed^{t}
Very Hum^{bl} Serv^{t},
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

To The Hon^{bl} Assembly of
New Hampshire.

Letter from the Selectmen of Charlestown to the N. H. Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 262.]

Charlestown, Sept. 6th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—Your favour came to hand yesterday informing us of General Gates's complaint against the conduct of a person acting as a physician in this town, Inoculating Soldiers for the small pox when on their march to the army; Had the General's Complaint have been founded upon the whole truth of facts, it would most certainly have been highly justifiable by all good men, and the Doct^{r} punished, as an enemy to his country deserves; no doubt the General was by some body informed of such proceedings—probable an enemy to the Doctor or to the scheme of Inoculating for the Small Pox; the most glorious invention ever yet found out for the preserving the lives of mankind against the power of that sovereign disorder, in its natural course, which hath been for many years approved of, by the most skilfull physicians in most of the Civilised States on Earth; and is now Recommended by the Continental Congress, and by the several Assemblies of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and the Massachusetts Bay.

We received General Gates' Letter of the 19th of August upon the subject of complaint, which hath been answered by the Com^{tee} of Safety, a copy of which you have herewith inclosed.

We conceive it rather hard that we should bear the whole weight of General Gates Resentment, since other Towns have been guilty of the like offences; there has been many of the soldiers inoculated at Keen and Claremont, and we do not at present see why it is not as likely that the small Pox sho'd be carried to the army from either of those places as from here; we have no reason to believe that any of the soldiers have carried from hence to the army, but we can with great truth assert that the Small Pox has been by the soldiery brought & left here. One man who came from Ticonderoga, another belonging to Col. Woglesworth Regiment, and another belonging to Col. Whitcombs Regiment, and we have reason to suspect that several of the Inhabitants have taken it from the soldiers of the two Continental Regiments on their Rout thro' this town from Boston to Ticonderoga, who were inoculated at Boston.

We are desirous of quieting the minds of our Brethren in the army, in case we can be assured that the Small Pox shall not be brought here again by the soldiers, who are continually marching to & from the Army; upon these several circumstances, we suppose it cannot be kept out of the Town, and we must conceive it to be a breach of privilege to be denied of the same liberty of inoculating our Families that other towns in this Colony injoys, which we suppose at present to be highly expedient for their safety, which we can do and not expose any soldiers marching to or from the army; or any body else, as we had proposed to remove the Pest House from where it now is to about two miles distance from the Town & from the Road, and put the management of it under such proper Regulations as that no person hereafter shall be exposed to take it the natural way; we had proposed to lay the Doct^{r}, the Nurses attendence & each person inoculated, under Bonds not to spread it thro' their means, so that all persons may be assured of safety in that regard; notwithstanding if it be your will & pleasure, that a final stop be put to it in this town, we will do our indeavour to do it, but its impossible at present to cleanse the town of it; the inoculation is stopt at present, therefore beg to know your sentiments of the matter. Pray, Gentlemen, consider that we are more exposed than all the people in the Colony besides.

Gentlemen, we are your most Humb^{l} serv^{ts}

SAMUEL HUNT } Selectmen
WM. HEYWOOD } of
ENOS STEVENS. } Charlestown.

Hon^{ble} Com^{tee} of Safety.

Letter from Eleaser Russell, Esq. on Maritime Fees.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 264.]

HONORABLE SIR—

By mistaking the time of the Courts setting, I am rather late in mentioning Fees for the maritime office.

As no Fees were ordered by authority, I did not Care to act my own judgment in the case: therefore ask'd the opinion of several merchants on the articles in the enclosed list, and upon their advice have hitherto acted; at the same time keeping an exact account of what I have taken from each person and promising, if the Hon^{bl} Court shall fix the fees lower to return the over plus.

From wood coasters, (which is the bulk of the business at present) I have taken only 1*s*. 6*d*. for a pass, and that because the authority of the Forts shou'd be kept up & proper submission made to them.

There has been but one foreign vessel clear'd since my appointment & the owners who were present, said the Fees were not enough & offer'd me more.

The Coasting fees are one quarter part of what was formerly taken by the King's officers; and the Foreign not more than one fifth part.

In the Massachusetts State, no officers are yet fixed, & some of their coasters have murmured at these fees being so high—one or two of our own, who had run for some time without order, have also tho't hard of paying any thing. I ardently wish to be instructed on the matter, in order to proceed without blame.

Far be it from me to utter any thing that may bear the air of dictating; and yet Duty to those who appointed me strongly urges, That I should offer some tho'ts for consideration; Especially as my stand in life has given me an insight into the affairs of office, and an opportunity of observing the conduct of those who have rioted on the spoils of trade.

I have ever tho't it unreasonable that an individual shou'd grow Rich upon the labors of the Public; and yet an equivalent may be expected for a person devoting his whole time to a service. Fees that wou'd now give a bare decent living, wou'd be too high, if trade should return to its natural flow, and exorbitant, if it should double what it was seven years past; and yet a difficulty wou'd attend their being fixed too low now. Such are the humors of mankind that innovations are ever disagreeable; and in this case it might be much better to reduce than to enlarge.

At present, and perhaps for some time, one person may easily do the duty of the maritime office, and I honestly declare, that fees which Numbers of people might dispise, wou'd satisfy me.

Shou'd trade return to the course it had five or seven years ago, I'm sure from experience that the whole time of two persons would be scarce sufficient to go thro the business. Then it may be proper for the profits to be such that the officer might pay a Deputy or Clerk; rather than return to the old erroneous track of multiplying officers, or paying them out of any Revenue that may be collected.

Wou'd it not be better that one list of fees should answer for the whole Continent? There ever was a murmuring. when they were higher in one place than another. I shou'd prefer their being rather lower than higher here.

There formerly has been & is now some uneasiness that a vessel of 10 tons should pay as much as one of an 100. This I submit: After mentioning that there is the same expense of paper, and often more time, in doing the business of the smaller. The case seems similar to going thro' the Courts to recover a debt of 10 lbs. or 100.

I have made no mention in the endorsed list of endorsing Registers, as often as Vessels change their masters; or of cancelling or filing Bonds; both which occasion considerable writing.

If I have erred in offering my tho'ts, Its being from a sense of duty, I hope will expiate the fault, & am, Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient and dutiful Hum^{bl} Serv^{t},

E. Russell.

Portsmouth, 9th Sept. 1776.
To the Honorable Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from Col. David Gilman, relating to his being Superseded in office.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 268.]

Portsmouth, Sept. y^{e} 13th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN of the Counsel
& house of Representatives——

I am inform'd that you have made choice of Capt. Pearse Long to command the Battalion now raising for the protection of this State, a person I ever esteemed as a Very great friend of mine; and if he obtained the appointment farley, had as live be superseded by him as any person in the State. If it had been agreeable I should have been willing to have continued in the service; but as I find it otherways, and content to live a retired life; Although I have been at great cost to equip myself for a short service, much shorter than I expected when I engaged. I think, Gentlemen, since I have been in the service I have Discharged my Duty to a Punctillio, in that I have Dun part of the Duty of a farmer, Engineer, Col^{o}, and almost Every other officer belonging to a Regiment, and that I have endeavoured that none of the Interest of the State should be wasted; And what thanks have I got for my service, but to be slited by my own countrymen, in that they have not dealt with me so generosly as they have with my subaltern officers, in giving me the offer of tarrying in the service, although I have taught them the first Principles of the Military Art. Gentlemen, I do not make this Complaint because I desire you to make any alteration in your choyce, neither do I desire it; but to let you know that I have a spirit as well as another man, and know when I am treated with the Respect that is Due to a Person who has been ingaged in the cause of his country as early as any one, and Dus not want a Layer to Plead his sincerity. I think, gentlemen, at least you ought to be as cautious of slighting or offending Real friends, as you are of Pleasing or Retaining of enemys, least you make Enemies instead of Friends; for such treatment as I have Received will have a Natural tendency to make Enemys; though, God forbid that it should have that effect on me. I do not remember that when we groaned under our old Constitution that Ever an officer was slighted or Neglected for faithfully adhering to his duty, but on the contrary Promoted; but I am sorry that I have it to say, there is too much of that in this day. I fear very much if there is not sum alteration very soon you will be put to it to get any person who is worth employing to ingage in your service; for men of Spirit will be causus of Ingaging and fitting themselves, when they are dayly liable to be Discharged without any crime laid to their charge or reason assigned therefor.

I shall conclude at this time, in wishing you divine derection, and hope that Providence in his own time will open a Door for our Releafe, and that our troubles will have a final Issue. I am a well wisher to my Country And the glorious cause we are engaged in.

From your affectionate friend and Very humble
Servant— DAVID GILMAN.

Resolution of Congress relating to Gun-powder.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 272.]

In Congress, August 28, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Legislatures of the several States of America, to cause suitable Inspectors to be appointed to examine and determine the quality of all Gun-powder manufactured within their Jurisdiction, and that no person be allowed to vend any gun-powder manufactured in any of the States of America, unless the same, in the judgment of such Inspector, shall be of sufficient quality, and to make such laws for executing this, or any other regulations for promoting the manufacture of good gun-powder, as to them may seem most convenient.

Orders to Col. Benjamin Bellows, jun.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 278.]

Exeter, Septem^{r} 16th 1776.

Sr—Orders were yesterday sent off from hence to you for your raising Fifty men in your Reg^{t} to recruit our Army at New York, and £300 in money to pay them £6. each. Upon a review of the matter this day, considering the Frontier state of your regiment, it is determined that you omit raising the men at present: And as one Capt. John House of Hanover hath received orders (1) to raise a Company of Volunteers for said service you are appointed Muster-master to said Company and to pay each able-bodied effective man he enlists six pounds; and if he should Enlist more than 50 men, you are desired to advance the money & your Draft therefor shall be Honoured. But if he should not be able to Enlist so many as 50 men, it is expected you will make up that number out of your Regiment. You are desired to acquaint Capt. House of your being appointed must^{r} master to his Comp^{y}. By order of Council & assembly, I am your very hum^{bl} serv^{t}.

Letter from Col. John Hurd, relating to Rangers at Cohos.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 286.]

Exeter, 20th Sept. 1776.

Sir—The Bearer Mr. Moses Chace will inform you of the two additional ranging Companies allow'd by our Assembly to be raised for the defence of our Frontiers, to serve till the first of Decem^{r} next, one of w^{ch} 'tis expected will be taken chiefly out of y^{r} Regiment, the officers being so appointed. Mr. Russell of Plainfield for the Captain by the recommendation of Mr. Chace; the said company to consist of fifty five men including officers, and w^{ch} you are desir'd to see muster'd & properly equipped; for w^{ch} purpose the money is now sent by Mr. Chace; viz. The Bounty or blanket money 12*s* each, & half month's advance pay w^{ch} you'll please to receive of him & deliver out to officers

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(1) The order to Capt. John House of Hanover, to enlist fifty men for New York, is dated Exeter, 14th Sept., 1776. See MS. State Pap. Revn., Vol. IV. p. 276.—Ed.

& men agreeable to the memor^{m} herewith. This Company is to rendezvous & make their Head Quarters at Cohos & for their scouting marches to be under the Direction of a Committee there—Col^{o} Cha^{s} Johnston, Mr. Jon^{a} Hale, Mr. James Bailey & myself; and as I am authorized to furnish them with provisions I must desire you would, in my behalf supply them when & while they are in your Neighborhood, for the amo^{t} of which I will either pay you the money or give an order on the Committee at Exeter for it. Mr. Moses Chace has also promised me to assist you in this Business. I shall write you again from Coho'os when I return there in about a fortnight from this & shall be glad to hear also from you. In the mean while remain with due respect,

Sir, your most hum^{le} serv^{t}

JOHN HURD.

Col^{o} Jona. Chace.

Money be paid officers & men.

Captain half mo^{s} pay—	3
Lieut " "	2
Ensign " "	1: 15.
4 Sergeants at 24*s*	4: 16
4 Corporals " 22*s*	4: 8
1 Drummer 22*s*	1: 2
43 Privates 20*s*	43:
55 Blankets at 12	33: 0
	£93: 1
Paid out	83: 15
Cash left in my hands	9: 6
	93: 1

Letter from General Washington—relating to exchange of prisoners.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 290.]

Head Quarters, Harlem Heights, 29th Sept. 1776.

GENT^{n}

General Howe having signified to me a desire of making a general exchange of Prisoners, both officers and privates, it becomes necessary to have an exact Return of the numbers in our possession.

You will therefore, be pleased to have all the Continental prisoners of war, (belonging to the land service) in the different Towns in your State, collected and brought together to some convenient place, from whence they may be removed hither when a Cartel is fully settled.

When they are collected, you will please to have made out, and transmit to me, an exact Return of the Names of the commissioned and Staff officers, their Ranks and the Corps to which they belong; the Names of the non-commissioned and privates need not be mentioned—their numbers will be sufficient.

As it will be more convenient to send them by Water than by Land, which may always be safely effected by means of a Flag, I think you had better order the prisoners to some place contiguous to a Port there to remain till you hear further from me. But if the number should be too small to make up a Freight for a vessel, I think you had better send them to the State of Massachusetts Bay, that they may come forward with the prisoners from thence.

I have the honor to be, Gentⁿ
Yʳ most obᵗ servᵗ
G:ᵒ WASHINGTON.

The Honᵇˡ Convention of
New Hampshire.

P. S. Be pleased also to make a Return of the Prisoners belonging to the British Navy with the names & Ranks of the officers.

Letter from N. H. Committee of Safety to Maj. Gen. Ward.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 298.]

State of New Hampshire
In Committee of Safety at Exeter
Septemʳ 24ᵗʰ, 1776.

SIR—One thousand men raised by this State to recruit the army under Genˡ Washington at New York, are now just beginning to march & we expect will all be on the Road in 2 or 3 days. As no direction was sent us about ammunition in the hurry of raising the men, that matter was overlooked until now, & whether there is a necessity of any being carried from hence, we are not enough acquainted with the State of the magazines at New York to determine.

Therefore we tho't it necessary to send the Bearer Express to Boston, and if you suppose it prudent for the men to be supplied with any before they reach N. York, we request you will send forward to Hartford in Connecticut (where our Troops are to rendezvous) such Quantity of Powder & Balls as you judge necessary for 1000 men, out of the Continental Stock in your care. We request this more particularly as our stock is small for our own internal defence.

By order of the Committee,
I am your Humᵇˡ Servᵗ

Honᵇˡ Maj. Gen. Ward.

Petition in favor of Lieut. Abraham Perkins.

[State Pap. Revⁿ Vol. IV. p. 300.]

To the Honᵇˡ the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire:

The subscribers, officers in the Battalion in the Continental service under the command of Colᵒ Pierse Long: That before the promotion of Majʳ Hodgdon, he as Captain of a Company in said Battalion with his subaltern officers had enlisted Sixty men for said service, forty of whom have passed muster; That as said Company by reason of said Promotion is now without a Captain, it would be very agreeable to them as well as to most of the officers of the said Battalion, if the Command of the said Company should be Conferred on Mr. Abraham Perkins, the first Lieutenant of said Company, who is an able expert officer & one who has always been ready & willing to discharge the Duty of his station, & to whom we imagine the said command naturally falls. Wherefore we Pray your Honours to appoint him Captain of the said Company, as we conceive you will thereby give content to the soldiers belonging to the same, & contribute to the increase of the Harmony subsisting among the officers of said Battalion, & as in Duty bound shall pray, &c.

Sept. 24th 1776.

Hercules Mooney	Titus Salter
Caleb Hodgdon	Shackford Seaward
Eliphalet Daniell	William Cooper
Wendum Janvrin	Meshach Bell
Ebenezer Dearing	Tobias Leighton
Thos. Bowler	John Calfe.

Col. John Langdon's Return of enlisting three men.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 303.]

State of
New Hampshire } Portsmouth, September 28th 1776.

Agreeable to the Requisition (1) to me directed, the Company under my Command have raised three men, viz.

Benjamin Dockum, Benjamin Dockum, jun. & Jonathan Kenneston, all able men & equipt with one good Musquet each, which are to be charg'd to them or return'd to the Colony, the price of which three Guns is Twenty-three Dollars.

JOHN LANGDON.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bayley to John Hurd, Esq., relating to affairs in Canada.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 304.]

Newbury, 24th Sept. 1776.

SR.—By Sarjant Daniel Booth of Colo Hitchcoke's Regt and Capt. Toppan's Compa Taken at Quebeck in Genll Montgomery's Defeat, and inlisted May last into the Royal Immigrants, Deserted from them from Point O'Trembles, twenty three Days since; we learn that Col. McLane is gone to London, that their is thirteen Regiments in Canada, about 450 men in each, that they are stationed in Deferant Parts of Canada, that Sr John Johnson has about 1000 Indians eighteen miles above Montreal, that the Regts in Canada are as follows, viz. the 9th, 20, 21, 24, 29, 31, 34, 47, 53, 72 Royal Imigrants, Sr. John Johnson's 5 Compas of the *Trane*,(2) 150 mariens and two Regts of Hassions, one of Horss, ye other foot. Great preparations for crossing the Lake.

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(1) The requisition was made by Benj. Giles, Chairman of a Comtee appointed for the purpose.—ED.

(2) Uncertain whether this word is *Trane* or *Frano*.—ED.

Two vessels of force, &c. I should have wrote more particular, but am now setting of for New York. Am, Sr, your Humbl Servt

Jacob Bayley.

To John Hurd, Esq.

Resolves of Congress.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 366.]

In Congress, Sept. 25th 1776.

Resolved, That a Committee of Congress consisting of one Delegate from each State be appointed with Authority to employ proper Persons to purchase in their respective States, a sufficient number of Blankets and Woolens fit for soldiers, and that they take the most effectual and speedy methods for getting such Woolens made up And distributed among the regular Continental Army in such Proportion as will best promote the public Service, and that they also purchase all other necessary clothing for the soldiers in such Proportion as they judge upon the best Information will be wanted and that the said Comtee be Authorized to draw on the President of Congress for the Sums necessary to Execute this Business, they to be accountable for the Amount of their Draught and Disbursement.

The Committee are Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paine, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Williams, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Ross, Mr. McKean, Mr. Middleton, & Mr. Hall.

Oct. 10th Members added, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Stone, & Mr. Penn.

Resolve, That it be recommended to the General Assemblies and Conventions of the United States to forward to Head Quarters the cloathing, blankets and necessaries, which they may have provided in consequence of the Resolution of Congress of the 19th of June last, drawing on the President for the Cost and conveyance thereof, in which it is hoped the utmost Diligence & Expedition will be used, that those who expose themselves to danger in defending and protecting their fellow citizens may suffer as little as possible from inclement seasons.

Extract from the Minutes

Chas. Thomson, Secy.

Letter from Genl Artemas Ward.

[State Pap. Revn. Vol. IV. p. 308.]

Boston, 26th Sept. 1776.

Gentlemen—

Your letter of the 24 Instant I received last evening, and agreeable to your request I have ordered 500 lb. of powder, & 1000 lb. of Ball out of the Continental Store, to be forwarded this morning with the utmost expedition for Hartford, and there to be delivered to the Committee of Correspondence, who will deliver it to the Commanding officers of your Regiments as soon as they arrive there.

I am, gentlemen
Your obedient, Humble Servant
Artemas Ward,

Committee of Safety
in New Hampshire.

Letter from Andrew Colburn to Hon. Matthew Thornton.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 310.]

Camp near New York, at Mount Washington, Sept. 27, 1776.

HON^d SIR—

I had the honour of transmitting to your Hon^d Assembly on February last, a petition for the pay for the services I performed as Brigade Adjutant, for the New Hampshire Departments; I, at the same time, mentioned the pay the other officers Rec^d in the same station, in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, which was certifyed by the Hon^{bl} Brigadier (now Maj^r) Gen^l Sullivan, which was eight pounds ten, pr. month L. money. Maj^r Brewer's Certificate attended my Petition, certifying this fact; if therefore your known Honour and strickt attachment to this service, where I have been always engaged (and expect still to be so), would be kind enough to have this matter settled, in that most Hon^{bl} Assembly in which you have the Honour of presiding—that I may have order for my money transmitted to me by Mr. White, Lt. and Q^r Master of the 4th Reg^t, who is sent to New England on Business of his Reg^t will be most oblidging to me; who will be very carefull in Delivering it to me; he will inform your honour of any thing Relative to this matter, that you may be pleased to know. In the mean time, I have the honour to be, with great personall Regard your Hon^s most

Humb^l & obedient Serv^t

ANDR^w COLBURN.

To the Hon^{bl} Mathew Thornton, Esq.

Letter from Col. Samuel Wigglesworth relating to sickness in the army at Crown Point.

[State Pap. Rev^n Vol. IV. p. 318.]

Mount Independence, opposite Ticonderoga, Sept. 27, 1776.

To the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire:

GENTLEMEN—

When I waited upon you to receive a Commission for Doct^r Moores, if I am not mistaken, Col^o Thornton informed me that there would be a supply of Medicines proper for the Campaign without fail. In hopes it would be so, I appeased the Troops at No. 4. But alas! how have we found ourselves mistaken. Gentlemen, I wish you could transport yourselves to this place for a moment, to see the distressed situation of these troops; and no Medicines: near one half of this Regiment is intirely incapable of any service; some dying almost every day. Col^o Wyman's Regiment in the same unhappy situation. There are no medicines of any avail in the Continental Chest; Such as are there, are in their native State unprepared; no Emetick, nor Cathartick; no mercurial or antimonial Remedy; no opiate or Elixer, tincture, nor even any capital medicine. It would make a Heart of stone melt to hear the moans & see the distresses of the sick & dying. I scarce pass a Tent, but I hear men solemnly declaring they will never engage another Campaign without being assured of a better supply of Medicines.

The above (Gentlemen) is the real state of this army in General. Now, Sirs, think how much more unhappy & distressed the condition of these troops must be, should the Enemy attack our Lines. Numbers of wounded (which is the never failing consequence of obstinate Battles) and nothing suitable wherewith to dress their wounds!

Gentlemen, you will excuse the Freedom I have used in transmitting to you the state of this army in the above respect, I tho't it my duty to acquaint you therewith.

I am, Gentlemen, with great respect
Your Humble Ser^vt
SAM^l WIGGLESWORTH.

P. S. I have before wrote you on this subject, but fearing it should not come to hand, I have once more attempted it, & send by a person of Fidelity & Trust.

Resolves of Congress, relating to Physicians and Surgeons for the Army: also to full Representation.

[State Pap. Rev^n. Vol. IV. p. 320.]

In Congress, September 30^th, 1776.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Legislatures of the United States to appoint Gentlemen in their respective States, skilful in Physick & Surgery, to examine those who offer to serve as Surgeons or Surgeons' mates in the Army & Navy, and that no Surgeon or mate shall hereafter receive a Commission or warrant to act as such in the Army or navy, who shall not produce a Certificate from some or one of the examiners so to be appointed, to prove that he is qualified to execute the office.

That all Regimental surgeons and Mates, as well as those of the Hospitals, be subject to the direction and controul of the Directors in the several departments.

That no soldier be discharged from the service as disabled unless the certificate of disability be countersyned by the Director, Assistant Physician or such Surgeon of the Hospital, nor be excused from Duty for sickness, unless the Certificate of Sickness be countersyned by One of those persons where Access may be had to them.

In Congress, October 1^st, 1776.

Whereas a full Representation in Congress of the several United States is highly necessary on Business of much Importance to America, therefore,

Resolved, That the President be desired to write Letters to the Conventions and Assemblys of the respective States, requesting that Measures be taken to cause as speedily as possible, a full Representation of the said States in Congress.

By order of Congress.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, relating to Surgeons, &c.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 326.]

Philad^{a} Oct. 2^{d}, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

The many & just complaints of the insufficiency of the Surgeons and their mates to discharge their Duty in a proper manner, have induced Congress to pass the inclosed Resolve recommending it to the several States to appoint Some skilfull Examiners, without whose Approbation no Surgeon or Surgeon's Mate, shall Receive a Commission either in the Army or Navy.

The Congress being at present deeply engaged in matters of the utmost importance to the welfare of America, have judged it absolutely necessary that there should be a full representation of the several States as soon as possible. For this end I am to request, in obedience to their commands, you will immediately take proper Measures to comply with the inclosed Resolve in order that the United States may be fully represented in Congress, and the sentiments of America be the better known upon those interesting subjects that lie before them. I shall therefore only once more request your compliance with this Requisition of Congress, and have the Honour to be

Gentlemen, Your most Obed^{t} & very hh^{l} Serv^{t}.

JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

Hon^{bl} Assembly of New Hampshire.

Petition of Joshua Heath of Conway.

[State Pap. Rev^{n}. Vol. IV. p. 324.]

To the Great and General Court or Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, Octo^{r} 1776.

The Petition of Joshua Heath of Conway in said State, humbly shews :—

That your petitioner having had the command of a Party of men raised by order of said State and Posted in this Place for scouting the Woods in order to make the earliest discovery of an Enemy should any be coming from Canada against these parts; I apply'd myself & Party as closely to that service as was in my power : That in doing of which I took much pains to find some of the Indians who used to hunt in the woods back of this department, who I immagined might be there—the unhappy war notwithstanding. Altho' I found none of them in the woods, in my first endeavours for that purpose, yet being pretty well satisfied in my own judgment, which was strengthened by Capt. Miles's who well knows the nature of the Indians, I thought there was a probability that some of them were hunting on the Branches of the Ammariscoggin & Kennebeck Rivers, therefore I sent Capt. Miles with a small party in quest of them in those places who had the good Fortune to find an Indian named John Baptist Ahasompommet, commonly called Sabbatis (who is well known among us) His Squa and Sister and brought all home with him. By conversing with this Indian I found that he and all the other Indians which he informed me were hunting in the parts where he came from were in such great distress for want of ammunition and other necessaries as would oblige them to go to Canada for them, except some speedy care was taken to prevent it: And as it appeared to me it was not likely they would be supply'd there without they would take up the hatchet against us, I run the venture to use my Endeavours to hinder their going, and for that end I agreed with this Indian to help me to a Conference with the others; and by his Assistance I had a Conference with a party of them on the 19th Inst. at Amariscoggin River, as by my Journal herewith exhibited will more largely appear. And as your Honours will thereby be informed that they manifest great willingness to be Friendly to us, and that nothing is wanted but supplies to keep them so, and will see the Encouragement I have given them of my Endeavours to help them (which I was moved to purely to prevent their going to Canada) I your said petitioner humbly pray your Honours would please to take the case under Consideration, and by such ways and means as you shall Judge proper, afford the said Indians such Necessaries as will secure their Friendship to us, and as in duty bound prays—

JOSHUA HEATH.

Resolves of Congress.

[State Pap. Revn Vol. IV. p. 328.]

In Congress, October 2d, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several States to make legal Provision to compel the furnishing of necessary supplies and assistance to the Quarter Master General of the Continental Army on reasonable terms for the public use.

October 7th.

Resolved, That a Commissary of Prisoners of War be appointed in each of the United States.

That the said Commissaries be directed to make monthly returns of the State and condition of the Prisoners under their respective care, to the Board of War.

That the said Commissaries be appointed by the respective States.

Resolved, That as a farther encouragement for Gentlemen of abilities to engage as Commission officers in the Battalions to be furnished by the several States to serve during the War, their monthly pay be increased as follows:

A Colonel	75 Dollars
Lieut Colonel	60 "
Major	50
Captain	40
Lieutenants	27
Ensigns,	20
Quarter Master	27½
Adjutant	40

In Congress, October 8th, 1776.

Whereas it is necessary that the most speedy and effectual Measures be taken for raising the new army,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions and Councils of Safety of the several States, which have any Regiments now in the Continental service, either at New York, Ticonderoga, or New Jersey, that they forthwith appoint Committees to proceed to those places with full powers to appoint all the officers of the Regiments to be raised by their States under the new Establishment.

That such officers may proceed immediately to enlist such men as are now in the service and incline to re-inlist during the war and that such Committees be instructed to advise with the General officers, and promote such officers as have distinguished themselves for their ability, activity and diligence in the service, and especially for their attention to military discipline.

That the said Committees be also instructed not to appoint any officer who has left or shall leave his station in the army, and is absent without leave from the General or some other officer having authority to grant the same.

Resolved, That for the further encouragement of the non-commission officers and soldiers who shall engage in the service during the war a suit of cloaths be annually given each of the said officers and soldiers, to consist, for the present year of two linnen hunting shirts, two pairs of Overalls, a leathern or woolen waist coat with Sleeves, a pair of breeches, a hat or leathern cap, two shirts, two pair of hose, and two pair of shoes, amounting in the whole to the value of twenty dollars, or that sum to be paid to each soldier who shall procure those articles for himself, and produce a Certificate thereof, from the Captain of the Company to which he belongs, to the Paymaster of the Regiment.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies and Conventions of the respective States from Virginia to New Hampshire inclusively to take the most effectual Measures for compleating by the Tenth of November, their proportions of the levies to be raised during the war.

As the army has greatly suffered through the defect of some of its regimental officers,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies and Conventions of the respective States to use their utmost endeavors that all the officers to be hereafter appointed be men of Honor and known abilities without a particular regard to their having before been in service.

By order of Congress.

John Hancock, Presid^{t}.

In Congress, October 3d, 1776.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. IV. p. 332.]

Resolved, That five Millions of Continental Dollars be immediately borrowed for the use of the United States of America, at the Annual interest of four per Cent.

That the faith of the United States be pledged to the lenders, for the payment of the sums to be borrowed and the interest arising thereon, and that Certificates be given to the Lenders in the Form following:

"The United States of America, acknowledge the Receipt of —— —— Dollars from —— —— —— which they promise to pay to the said —— —— —— or Bearer on the —— —— day of —— —— with Interest, at the rate of four per Cent, per Annum, agreeable to a Resolution of the United States, passed the third day of October, 1776. Witness the hand of the Treasurer, this —— —— day of —— —— A. D.

Countersigned,"

by the Commissioners of one of the Loan-offices hereafter mentioned.

That for the convenience of the Lenders, a Loan office be established in each of the United States, and a Commissioner to superintend such office be appointed by the said States respectively, who are to be responsible for the faithful discharge of their Duty in the said offices.

That the Business of the said Commissioners shall be, to deliver Certificates for all such Sums of money as shall be brought into their respectives offices, agreeable to these Resolutions, which Certificates shall be indented, and the Checks kept in the same office—to keep Books, in which regular Entries shall be made of the sums borrowed, and of the Time when, and of the Names of the persons by whom the said sums were lent—to transmit to the Continental Treasurer once a month an account of the Cash in their respective offices and to answer all Draughts of the Treasurer to the amount of the Cash which they shall at any time have in their hands as aforesaid.

That the Treasurer of the United States shall send to the respective Loan offices such a number of Certificates and of such Denominations, as shall be ordered by the Commissioner of the Treasury.

That no Certificate be issued for less than three Hundred Dollars.

That the several sums of Money to be borrowed, shall be repaid at the office where the same was lent, at the Expiration of Three Years; and that the annual Interest shall be likewise paid at the said office.

That the said Commissioners of the respective Loan-Offices, be entitled to receive of the United States, one-Eighth per Cent, on all monies which shall be brought into their respective Loan-Offices in Lieu of all Claims and Demands that they may have for transacting the Business of their said offices.

October the 7th.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies and Conventions of the United States respectively, to annex such Penalties by Law to the Crime of counterfeiting the Bills or Notes of the Continental Loan-Office, as are, or shall be annexed to the crime of counterfeiting Continental Currency.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions be published, and copies thereof sent to each of the United States; and that the respective States be desired to send to the Committee of the Continental Treasury, the Names of the Commissioners by them appointed in consequence of the said Resolutions.

By order of Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, President.

NOTE. **The Correspondence, &c., which follows to November 28, 1776, is copied from MS. " State Papers " in the Secretary's office, Vol. V.—ED.**

Letter from Hon. John Hancock,—relating to the Army.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 1.]

Philada. Octr 9th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—The enclosed Resolves, which I transmit in obedience to the commands of Congress, will inform you of the Ample Provision they have made for the support of both officer and soldier, who shall enter into the Service during the war. The Pay of the former is considerably increased, and the latter is to receive annually a compleat suit of cloaths, or in lieu thereof, the sum of twenty dollars, should he provide the suit for himself. This additional encouragement, besides the twenty Dollars Bounty, and one hundred Acres of land formerly granted, the Congress expect will be the means of engaging the Troops to serve during the war. For this purpose also, I am to request, you will appoint a Committee or Committees, to repair immediately to the Army, to induce such of the Troops as have been raised by your State to enlist during the War, and to appoint officers for the Same.

The Congress, for very obvious reasons, are extremely anxious to keep the Army together. The dangerous consequences of their breaking up, and the difficulty of forming a new one, are inconceivable. Were this Barrier once removed, military Power would quickly spread Desolation and Ruin over the face of our country. The importance and indeed the absolute necessity of filling up the Army, of providing for the Troops, and engaging them to serve during the war, is so apparent, and has been so frequently urged, That I shall only request your attention to the Resolves of Congress on this Subject, and beseech you, by that love you have for your country, her Rights and Liberties, to exert yourselves to carry them speedily and effectually into Execution, as the only means of preserving her in this her critical and alarming situation. I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedt and very Humbl Servt,

JOHN HANCOCK, Presidt.

Honble Assembly of
New Hampshire.

Letter from Joseph Whipple, Esq relating to Roads leading to Cohos.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 5.]

Portsmouth, Octr 18th 1776.

SIR—

The Committee of Safety for this State having by an advertisement bearing date the 25th of July past very seriously and urgently recommended to the inhabitants & proprietors of the several Towns & Tracts of Land therein to repair their Roads & Bridges, so that Warlike & other Stores might be transported for the defence & use of the Inhabtants of the Frontier Towns, particularly the Road leading from Wolfeborough through Conway to the Upper Cohos, & the said recommendation having been totally disregarded (excepting only by the Masonian Prop^rs who have repair'd their Road from Wolfeboro' towards Conway.)

I therefore, in behalf of myself & the public who are great sufferers by said neglect, beg leave, with great deference to the judgment of the Committee to request their immediate consideration on this Subject; for as the winter season is now near at hand, it will be a matter of great difficulty to make these repairs a few weeks later. The Road which is referr^d to in the Com^tees advertisement & which is still neglected leads from the Upper Cohos downward to Conway, where the Bridges are lifted out of place by a Remarkable Freshet which happen'd a year past, which renders passing almost impracticable for horses & totally so for a Carriage of any kind, & also many Trees (Windfalls) lying across the road.

I humbly conceive that a detachment from the Companies now stationed at Northumberland & Conway might effect this Business without any detriment to the public good—which however, I submit to the wisdom of the Committee.

I have the honor to be with great respect
Your most obed^t & most hh^bl Serv^t
J. WHIPPLE.

To the Hon^ble the Chairman
of the Committee of Safety.

Representation relating to Capt. Jeremiah Eames.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 7.]

To the Hon^ble the Gen^ll Cort for the State of New hamp^r or the Com^tee of Safety for the same:—

Several of the Inhabitants of the Towns in the Uper Cohose upon hearing a leter Directed to Capt. Jeremiah Eams by the Com^tee of Safety for this State, which Letter is an answer to several Complaints exhibited by Capt. Bucknam against the conduct of Capt. Eames in the execution of his office since his appointment among us, We now Beg to Let this Hon^ble Court know our sentiment Relative to his conduct amoung us: when the s^d Capt. Eames came among us with his appointment, the Inhabitants were very backward in our Husbandry Business, by reason of our distressed situation under apprehension of danger from our Enemys—ten of our number being inlisted before Capt. Eames arrived, several of which were heads of familys; aplication being frequently made to the Capt. for assistance by the soldiery to help the Inhabtants in securing their Grain, &c. which if neglected would render our continuing with the familys then Resident here impracticable; but by his Indulgence & assistance has contributed much to our Relief and been a mean of bringing back a number of familys that had Removed from this part of the Colony, and altho the s^d Capt. Eames has not for the greatest part of the time since here employed his men in building forts, yet he hath stedily keept scouts on Discovery which hath so quieted the minds of the Inhabatants that the country is now Repeopled and as we have never discovered no Disposition in the said Capt. to Disserve the Publick nor us as Individuals, we now pray that no former Representation may terminate to his Dishonor or Disadvantage.

Not doubting your veracity, wishing your Honors that wisdom proper to direct, asking that protection our peculiar circumstances call for, Respectfully subscribe our Names—

Nathanel *Mepel?*
Enoch Hall
Thomas Peaverly
Daniel Spalding
Tho^{s} Peverly, Jun^{r}
Moses Page,
Nathan Caswell
Joseph Barlow
Nathan Barlow
John Smith
Gideon Smith
James Brown
Archippus Blogget
Thomas Blogget
Josiah Blogget
Moses Quimby
John French
Edward Mardn.

Tories sent from the State of New-York, for confinement in Exeter, N. H.

[State Pap. Vol. V. pp. 13–31.]

(Extract p. 14.)

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York, for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be form'd in the said State against the Liberties of America:

Fishkill, October 17th, 1776.

Resolved, That it hath become more particularly necessary and expedient to provide for the internal Peace and security of this State, by removing from it all persons, who are notoriously disaffected and inimical to the measures persuing for the safety and Defence of the United States of America.

Resolved, That the Persons hereinafter named be forthwith removed to the several places affixed to their respective Names, there to remain at their own expence, under such Restrictions as shall be enjoined them respectively by the Legislative authority or by the Committees of the several States to which they may be so removed.

Resolved, That Letters be written to the respective Legislatures or Committees aforesaid, inclosing them Copies of the Resolutions of the Convention of this State appointing this Committee, together with Lists of the Persons sent to the respective Places; distinguishing such Persons as this Committee deem most dangerous to the Liberties of America, by an *Asterism.**

Ordered, That Copies of the foregoing Resolutions be sent to the respective Legislatures or Committees of the several States to which the Prisoners herein after named, shall be removed.

The Names of such Prisoners as are sent to the Town of Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Samuel Sweet
Isaac Veal
John Tanner* (kill'd.)
Peter Boyce
Asa De Long
John Montgomerie
Peter Shearer*
Joseph Tyce
Robert Burdock
Benjamin Chase
James Gosling
Michael Vincent
Stephen Hunt*
Robert Thorne
Leonard Vincent
Daniel Beadle
Jonathan Thorne
James Pettit
John Grant
George Peters*
Joshua Gidney*
Samuel Mabbitt*
Joseph Mabbitt*
John German
John De Graaf
Jacob Bush*
Jacob Sharpstone
Elisha Powel*
Silas Duel*
Aaron Haight, Jun.*
Abel Peters*
Mathias Cook*
John Cook*
Stephen Thorne*
Samuel Burdock
Jeremiah French*
Revd Mr. Bryant*
Major Ross*
Elkanah Briggs
Griffin Marcy
Agrippa Martin*
John Wheeler
Thomas Briggs, jun*
Roger Cuttler
Dirck Dutcher
William Merritt
Moses Fowler
Joseph Gage
Increase Jackson*
Elias Doty
Silvester Stone*
Benjamin Trip
Matthias Cook*
Silas Rushmore*
Enoch Lester*
David Long*
Cornelius Lawrence*
Nathaniel Thorne*
Moses Shaw
Daniel Southwick*
Daniel Doughty, (in Goal)
Samuel Mott*
George Doughty (in Goal)
Timothy Duell
Laughlin M'Intosh
John P. Row
Michael Smith [Esq.*
Henry Van Denbergh
Richard Swedecker, Esqr
Baltus Van Kleck*
Peter Van Denbergh
John Van Denbergh*
Samuel Isaacs,* Goal
Alexander Hare* Goal
Isaac T. Lassing
John Robinson
Rickbell Williams
Martin Dop
Hugh Moshur*
Gores Storm
Dirck Van Vleet*
Peter Weaver*
Coon Smith
James Bryant*
Joshua Dakins*
Hendrick Younkhans
Jonathan Duell
Robert Duell
Andries Pulver
Wardall Pulver
Adam Weever
John Miller*
David Hoffman
James Parker
Johannes Cole
Timothy Doughty*
John DeGraaf*
Johannes Medlar
William Doughty
Matthias Liester
Judah Swift
Charles Vinsent
Ephraim Wheeler
William Cooper
Asa Brown
Anthony Carpenter
Elisha Rose
Caleb Seaman
Joseph Hitchcock
Eli Crosby
Gilbert Dickeson
Ebenezer Rider
Jacob Lawrence, junr

Extract from the Minutes.

A. W. D. Peyster, Secy.

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York for inquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be formed in the Said State agst the Liberties of America :

Fishkill, Octr 26th, 1776.

Whereas *Stephen Baxter, John Stewart, *Stephen Baxter, Junr, Jonas Kamiff, Richard Jewel, Nathaniel Gildershue, are notoriously disaffected to the American cause—

Resolved, That they be forthwith removed under Guard to Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire, there to remain under such Restrictions as to the General Court or Council or Committee of Safety shall seem most advisable.

Resolved, That those of the above mentioned Persons, whose Names are mark'd with an Asterisk* be closely confined in Jail.

Whereas it would be inconsistent with the public Safety to suffer any Persons who have been concern'd in treasonable Practices, or who are notoriously disaffected to the American cause, to remain confined in the Goals of this State during its present situation:

Resolved That all the Prisoners at present confined in the Goals in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire there to remain in Goal, till further Orders from this Committee or the Legislature of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Resolved, That this Committee pledge the publick Faith of the State of New York for the subsistance of such Prisoners as shall be confined in Goal, and for all such others, who either thro' illness or any other cause shall be incapable of subsisting themselves by Labour.

The following is a List of Prisoners from White Plains Goal in the County of Westchester now sent to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

James Boundage
Joseph Purdy
Levy Devoe
James Budd
Billy Sanders
Samuel Purdy
Azariah Whitmore
Capt. Jagger.

The following is a list of Prisoners Names who were confined in Poughkeepsie Goal, in the County of Dutchess, now sent to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Frederick Ham, Junr
(James Lummery) sick
Edward Talbot
Lewis Hogg
Obediah Griffin
John Lawrence
John McDonald
Thomas Barker
Samuel Glass.

These Persons were all more or less concerned in a late Insurrection in Dutchess County, and the greatest Part actually in Arms.

George Browing:—Endeavoring to Inlist Men in the service of the Enemy.

Adam Barrack }
Christian Barrack } For notorious Disaffection to the American cause and for escaping from the Goal of New York, where they were confined by order of the Provincial Congress, being taken in supplying the Enemies Ships with Provisions.

John Hallock:—For notorious Disaffection and for assisting the above mentioned two persons when pursued in order to be taken.

Extract from the Minutes.
A. W. D. Peyster., Secy.

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York for inquiring into, &c.

Fishkill, Octr 29, 1776.

Resolved, That all the Prisoners who have been removed from the Jail of the City and County of Albany pursuant to a Resolution of the General Committee of the said County of the 25th Inst. be forthwith sent under guard to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Whereas it appears to this Committee from the Examinations transmitted by the Committee of Albany in their Letter to this Committee of the 25th Instant, That the following Persons have either been aiding, assisting or abetting the Enemy in subverting the Liberties of America or are notoriously disaffected to the measures persued for the establishment of American Liberty, to witt:—

Isaac Mann
John Hitchcock
Laughlin McGaffin
Nathaniel Douglass, alias Ruggles.
James Waddell
Abraham North, to be in irons.
Peter Browne, to be in irons
Joseph Junnecliff
William Burns
Alexander Anderson
John Feathers
Thomas Pearson.

Resolved, That they be closely confined in Goal, till further Orders from this Committee or the Legislature of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Resolved, That a List of all the Prisoners sent from the County of Albany be transmitted to the General Court or Committee of Safety of the State of New Hampshire, distinguishing by an Asterism the Names of such persons whom this Committee deem most dangerous to the publick Safety in order that they may be put under such restrictions as the General Court or Committee of Safety of the said State shall deem most proper.

The following is a List of the Names of the Prisoners from Albany, including those mentioned in the last page.

Timothy Clossen
Anthony Clossen
Isaac Mann
John Hitchcock
Seth Chace
Alexander White
Laughlin McGaffin
Nathaniel Douglass
James Waddel
Abraham Van North
Jonathan Owen
John McMurtrey
Peter Brono
Peter Bresee
Peter Brasee, jun.
Henry Brasee,
Cornelius Brasee
John House
John Livingston
Thomas Flood.
William Tunnecliff
William Duncan
Major Snell
Casper Bonwer
Jury Weaver
Coenract Kelder
William Marter
Alexander Boyd
John Sherfelt
Peter Grawbergh
James Sloan
Gilbert Scharpe
Alexander Thompson
Joseph Tunnecliff
William Burn
Alexander Anderson
John Feathers
Thomas Pierson.

Extract from the Minutes A. W. D. Peyster, Secy.

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York, for inquiring into, &c.

Fishkill, November 3, 1776.

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Thomas Bullis was one of the persons concerned in an attempt last summer to disarm the Friends to the American cause, and that there is Reason to immagin that the said Bullis and a certain Johannis Van Tilen had intentions of joining the Enemy,

Resolved, That they be forthwith moved to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire there to be closely confined in Goal until further orders from this Committee or the Legislative Authority of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Thomas Bullis
Johannis Van Tilen.

Whereas the following Persons Inhabitants of this State were lately taken in arms against the Liberties of the United States in a late skirmish between a detachment of the Continental Army, and a Party under the command of the late Major Rodgers to witt:

Joseph Deane
Stephen Saw
Elijah Carle
John Angevine
David Lawrence
James Angevine
John Charlick
Ruben Stives
David Travis
Jonah Worden
Elijah Bartoe
Jonathan Asten
Francis Berley
James Thorpe
Joseph Carle
Walter Browne
Gilbert Myers
Frederick Devoe
Solomon Parent
Jonathan Eely
Stephen Travis
James Canady
Moses Travis.
Abraham Browne
Elnathan Appleby
Jedediah Davis
Jacob Cadwell Burr
William Washburn.

Resolved, That they be forthwith march'd to the Town of Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, and that they be closely confined in Goal in such Parts of the said State as by the General Court or Council or Committee of Safety of the said State shall be thought advisable.

Whereas Thomas Gonunck has been represented to this Committee by the Committee of Dutchess County as a person highly disaffected to the American Cause and whose residence in this State at this Juncture is inconsistent with the safety thereof—

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to the town of Exeter in the State of New Hampshire there to remain under the same Restrictions with the other Prisoners destin'd to that place by a Resolution of this Committee of the Seventeenth Day of October last.

Extract from the Minutes

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Sec^{y}.

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York, for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies, which may be form'd in the said State against the Liberties of America.

Fishkill, November 8, 1776.

Whereas it appears clearly to this Committee that Jacob Dean, Solomon Haight and Solomon Eltinger are notoriously disaffected to the American Cause, which they have evinced by refusing to receive in Payment the Continental Currency and endeavoring to depreciate the same;

Resolved that they be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire there to remain at their own expense under such Restrictions as to the General Court or the Council or Committee of Safety of the said State shall appear most advisable.

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Dr. —— Weeks has been engaged in a treasonable Conspiracy against the Liberties of America:

Resolved that he be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, there to be closely confined in Goal untill further orders from this Committee or the Legislative Authority of this State, unless sooner discharg'd by due Course of Law.

Whereas Richard Rodgers has been aiding, assisting and abetting the Enemy in their attempts to subvert the Liberties of America,

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire there to remain in Goal till further order from this Committee or the Legislative Authority of this State unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Whereas John Carpenter of Huntingdon in the County of Suffolk on Long Island has been lately taken in Arms against the United States of America,

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, there to remain in Goal untill further order from this Committee or the Legislative Authority of this State or of the Commander in Chief of the American Army, unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Whereas this Committee are clearly convinced that Jacob Russell, Daniel Mc Guire, and Israel Tuttle of Ulster County have been traitorously concerned in inlisting Men for the service of the Enemy, and that Patrick M^{c}Donald of Orange County has harbour'd the said persons knowing them to be traitors to this State;

Resolved That they be forthwith removed to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, there to remain in Goal untill further orders from this Committee or the Legislature of this State unless sooner discharged by due course of Law.

Resolved, That the order of the twenty sixth of October last so far as it respects the confinement in Goal of John Hallock and Lewis Hogg be disannulled, and that the said persons remain at their own Expence at such place and under such Restrictions as the General Court or Council or Committee of Safety of the State of New Hampshire shall seem adviseable.

Extract from the Minutes.

A. W. D. Peyster, Sec^y.

Letter from Pliarne, Penet & Co. of Nantes, France, to the Committee of Safety—offering trade &c.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 36.]

Nantes, 21 October, 1776.

The Respectable Members of the Secret
Committee of the Province of New Hampshire.

GENTL^{n}

Although we have not the pleasure of your acquaintance, we nevertheless shall take the liberty to assure you of our Respects, and make our offer of service to you, in Europe; and for your Assurance of what we have the honnour of offering shall referr you to the Hon^{bl} Continental Congress and Secret Committee of Philadelphia, to whom our names are well known and with whom we passed a contract in February last for the furnishing of ammunition and other necessary articles in your present situation: and further you may inform yourselves of Governor Cook at Providence and Mess^{s} Nich^{s} & John Brown of the same place, which last we have despatched two vessels since the establishment of our house in this place.

We hope, after your informations concerning us, be it from the Congress or the Generals of the Army, and in particular from Doctor Franklin, that you will be satisfied, in order to put confidence enough in us to consign all vessells you send for this part to our house. And we flatter ourselves to find the best sale possible for your merchandise, and send in Returns what goods you will think proper to order, if they are to be had in France.

We are able to furnish you at demand, with cannon & gun powder, salt-petre, sulfre, lead, Iron & Brass Cannons of all sizes, Muskets, such as we have sent the Congress, being of the last made for the Infantry of France, proved, well finished and perfectioned, with double birde-locks. We have muskets at all proof from 12 to 22 livres pr. piece with Bayonets and steel Ram-rods, and bores suitable for ball of 14 or 16 to the l^{d}, all the muskets are uniform of the same size and same modell; we have also handsome & good gun locks, which are well finish'd & conditioned.

We have the honnour of observing that their is only our house able to furnish you with the foregoing articles, and that we shall take upon us the risk and dangers of putting them on board, and to let your vessels go out of our Port freely; them are powers that we are trusted with, and which we have in our hands. Not any other house in France shall be able to give you the like advantages, and furnish you with such amunition which we receive directly from the Manufacturers of the King.

We are able to furnish you also with all kinds of Broad cloths fit for clothing of soldiers; we have sent a quantity to Messrs. Browns of Providence. We have them of all Colours, good quality and well sorted, for the price of 5, 6 & 7 livres pr. Ell; but the following Colours of the same quality will be somewhat higher,—such as scarlet, prussian blue, yellow and green; and further, we are able to furnish you with such cloths as will be desired likewise with all kinds of Blanketts from 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 livres pr. pice; also linens for shirting the Troops from 30 to 50 souce pr. Ell. We shall be able, Gentlemen, to furnish you in general with every kind of Merchandise of the first quality, and at the most reasonable rates; and you may assure yourselves that we shall despatch immediately every vessell you shall think proper to address us, whether the Cargo is sold or not.

We have established our house in this place, thinking it the safest and most convenient port in France for the American Trade; and we have entered in partnership with one of the richest and first houses for business in Nantes,—the name is J. Gurel, merchant upon Isle frydeau; therefore in addressing your vessells to that house by giving us immediate notice, will be the same as if addressed directly to us, making but one and the same house for all the Trade we have with North America.

In case you should send a vessell to Bordeaux we take the liberty of recommending to you the house of Mess^{rs} Recule' de Bamarain & Rainbeaux, being one of the most principal houses there, and who we think, will do your business better than any other can do.

We have in our house and at the head of our affairs that we transact with North America, Mr. Wilt, a young man from Philad^{e}, who holds our correspondence in English; therefore, if you should have any affairs particular or secret to transact or negociate you may be assured of the order and discression that reighns in our house.

We have the hounour to be in the mean time, with our most sincere Respects, Gentl^{n},

Your most Obed^{t} Hhb^{l} Serv^{ts}

PLIARNE, PENET & Co.

Instructions to the Committee sent to Ticonderoga, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 41.]

State of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety, at Exeter October 21st, 1776.

To Jonathan Blanchard, Benjamin Giles, Stephen Evans and David Gilman, Esqr^{s}:

You being appointed by the Council & Assembly of this State a Committee to repair to Ticonderoga, there to Endeavour to promote the raising our Quota of men for the Continental Service, agreeable to Resolves of Congress, and if you find it unlikely to raise the whole there, then for one or more of you to proceed from thence to New York & endeavour to promote the raising of the remainder there:

And the Council and Assembly having adjourned, and left the giving you further directions to this Committee: Therefore you are instructed, when you arrive at Ticonderoga, to consult with the general and other officers, about transacting your Bus^{s}, and fill up & deliver the Commissions, for Field Officers for two Regiments, to men of the most esteemed Capacitys, especially for knowledge in military affairs, belonging to this State, who have served in the Army; and then with advice of the respective Field officers, fill up & deliver Commissions to the several officers, Surgeons & Chaplains, for each Regiment; And you may assure the Officers & soldiers, that in addition to the Continental pay Bounty and Cloathing, this State will in every respect give the same to their Troops that the State of the Massachusetts Bay give theirs: And that this State will during their Service, do every thing in their power to make their duty as easy and their circumstances as com-

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fortable as possible, and will do their utmost endeavours that such necessaries as the Troops may want shall be transported where they be & sold at the lowest rates. The medicines sent by you, being part of what this State have procured with a great deal of difficulty, they send for the benefit of their distressed Brethren in the service, and would have you divide it among the Regiments raised in this State. You are to advise us from time to time of every material occurrence, and after making all the dispatch in your Business that circumstances will allow, to make a return of your doings.

(Copy of Instructions &c) —— ——

Letter of Introduction to Gen. Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 44.]

In Com^{tee} of Safety, Oct^{r} 21st, 1776.
State of N. Hamp^{r},—

May it please your Ex^{cy}

The Council and Assembly of this State, have appointed Jona. Blanchard, Benja. Giles, Stephen Evans, & David Gilman Esq^{rs} a Com^{tee} to repair to the Camp & there use their utmost endeavours to promote the raising our Quota of men for the new army. And we pray leave to introduce those Gentlemen to your Excellency's favour, and protection, resting fully assured that you will afford them every assistance in your power in expediting the very necessary and important business of their mission.

In behalf of the Com^{tee}, I am, Sir, with due respect,
Your Ex^{cy}'s very hh^{bl} Serv^{t}

(Copy) —— ——
His Exc^{y}. Gen. Washington.

[NOTE. A similar letter of introduction was sent to Gen. Gates.—ED.]

Letter from Col. Thomas Tash, to the Committee of Safety, in New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 50.]

Peekskill in Cortland Manor Oct^{r} 26 1776.

This comes to acquaint your honours that I arrived at Hartford in Conetcot the second Instant & one company the same day, which I sent forward next morning & Likewise I sent Col^{o} Welch of the same day with a letter to General Washington acquainting him that I was at Hartford & Expected the whole of my Redg^{mt} to be there in 3 or 4 days & should send the Companys of for New York as fast as they get hear and should follow them after the last Company had arrived. I likewise let him know we had no Camp equipage such as pots, kittles &c Neither was it in the power of the State of New hampshire to procure any as there was no tin—I set of from hartford the 8th Instant & all the companys had gone forward except Capt. Prescoat & I thought I would wate no longer for him & I left orders for him to folow as fast as possible—when I arrived at Stamford Col^{o} Welch was there & bro't me a letter from the General Washington directing me to procure quarters for my Redg^{mt} & Col^{o} Baldwin's at Stamford & Horse-neck but to have the maj^{r} part at horse-neck if quarters could be procured for them—he likewise directed me to furnish our selfs with Camp utencels from the Inhabitants if posable—I applied to the Committee to furnish me with pots &c. but Col° Baldwin had got their before me & had got almost all to be had. they made out to get me 3 & I sent Rownd for several milds & procured a small number more by advansing the Cash in hand for them. The 13th Instant arley in the morning Rec^d orders by Express from General Sulivan to march my Redg^mt to Kingsbridge with all posable speed & likewise to aquant Col. Baldwin that he must march Likewise—accordingly we got wagens to carry our bagage redy about two o'clock P. M. & got the whole to horse-neck Sunday knight nine o'clock. Sunday knight the 13th Instant Rec^d a letter by express from General Washington to march my Redg^mt to Fishkill, as the Convension was there sitting in such a difficult scituation with Regard to the numbers of disefected Persons in many Counties of the State that they could not trust their own milisha so well as ours, therefore ordered me to march with all posable speed to said Fishkill which I did the next morning & sent the general a letter aquainting him of the same. before I got to Fishkill Rec^d a letter by Express from the Congress that they did not want but two Companys, but I had got them within two miles of the place so that it was too late to go back that knight, so I went forward & wated on the Congress & let them know my orders, & the presedent Mr. Livingston said that he was sorry we com so far that is the whole Redg^mt but desir'd I would send back to stop the remainder & turn them back to Peekskill where we must remain till further orders to garde the Shores to stop the men of war's people landing to carry off Cattle. & Leave two Companys their which I did under the comand of Col° Welch & the Remander I have posted from this place about eight miles down the river to watch the motion of the Enemy & sent a letter to General Washington aquanting him of my Rout & the orders I had Rec^d of the Congress (1) & how I had posted my Reg^mt and he wrote back very frindly & told me I must be under the imediate derection of the Convention (1) of this State with Regarde to marching the Redg^mt or any part to any place till further orders. I have nothing further at present, as you know the nuse full as well as I, therefore would beg leave to subscribe myself, Your honnors, most obea^t

humble serv^t
THO: TASH.

P. S. Col° Baldwin is at White Plains with Redg^mt & the main body of the army is their, the Redg^mt I comand is almost all in good health and high spirits.

The Committee of Safety.

Letter from Col. Joseph Welch.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 57.]

Fishkill, State of New York, Oct. 31, 1776.

To the Honorable the Council and Representatives of the State of New Hampshire:

GENTLEMEN—

Col. Tash, agreeable to your Directions march'd on for Head Quarters till he received the Generals orders to pass on with his Regiment to the Highlands, and post his men from Peeks-kill to Fishkill, about twenty miles along the Post Road, and from fifty to seventy miles North of New York to assist the State of New York against their Tories, and be ready in case the Brittish ships should come so far up the River, to prevent their landing men and doing Damage. I am Stationed at the Fishkill, with Capt. Calef's and Capt. Robinson's Companies, under the direction of a Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York, "for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be formed in the said State against the liberties of America." Numbers of disaffected persons have been taken up, and sent to the States of Pennsylvania, Connecticutt and Massachusetts Bay: but as their numbers are still great and the Committee at a Loss where to send them, to prevent their mischievous designs from hurting the common cause, applied to me to know, whether I tho't they might venture to send any to the State of New Hampshire: I informed them that our State was well disposed to the cause of America, and it was my opinion would readily give their assistance in that affair; and if they did send any to order them to the Honorable Court to be disposed of by them in such manner as they should judge best; which opinion of your goodness and judgment in this matter, I hope will be kindly accepted from, Gentlemen,

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(1) The writer uses the words *Congress* and *Convention*, as the same—meaning the Convention of New York, which at that time was in session at Fishkill, N. Y.—ED.

Your most humble serv^{t},
JOSEPH WELCH.

N. B. The Companies under my Command are very healthy.

P. S. Capt. Prescott with his Company is order'd to join my other two Companies here to day.

Letter from Hon. John Jay, of New York—relating to tories.

[State Pap. Rev^{n} Vol. V. p. 37.]

GENT.—

The Committee appointed by the Convention of this State for the Purpose of inquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be formed therein against the Liberties of America, find it indispensably necessary to remove a Number of dangerous and disaffected Persons, some of whom have been taken in Arms against America, to one of the neighboring States.

On Conferring with Lieut. Coll. Welch relative to sending them to New Hampshire, he was of opinion, that the zeal which your Hon^{ble} Body have uniformly manifested for the American Cause, would induce you cheerfully to receive and dispose of them in such Manner as to prevent the further execution of their wicked and malicious Designs.

The Committee desire that all such of the Prisoners as are not directed to be confined and not in circumstances to maintain themselves, be put to labour and compelled to earn their subsistance; and they have directed the Bearer Egbert Benson, Esq. Chairman of the Committee of this County to pay you five hundred dollars on Account of the expences you may be put to by complying with their request.

The Committee beg leave to recommend this Gentleman to your Notice and confidence, he will communicate to you the Instructions given him by the Committee and readily give you any information that may be necessary to enable you to form a judgment of the characters of the several Prisoners and the Degrees and Restriction proper to enjoin them.

By order of Committee,
I am, Gent^n: Your most ob^t hum serv^t
JOHN JAY, Chairman.

The Hon^ble the General Court
of the State of New Hampshire.
[No date.]

Col. Rob^t V^n Rensilaer's order about Tories to be sent to New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 61.]

SIR—You are hereby ordered to march with the Prisoners, whose names are in the inclosed annexed List with all despatch to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire. You are to have a particular Eye upon those marked with an *Asterism*, & to confiue those in Irons who appear to be dangerous.

I am, Sir, Yours
ROB^t V^n RENSILAER.

To Capt. Funda.
Head Quarters, Nov. 1^st, 1776.

Letter from Col^o Jona. Blanchard, of the Committee sent to Ticonderoga, to raise men for the Continental service, &c.

(Extracts.)

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 63.]

Mount Independence, Nov. 9^th, 1776.

SIR—" We arrived here last evening in company with the Gentlemen appointed by the Mass^a State who we accidentally fell in with at Manchester.

" The next morning, both committees waited on General Gates (who received us with politeness) and layed before him our Business & solicited his assistance & protection.

" The General observed, That by our raising the wages, the other States would be under a necessity to do the same, & that in fact, it was Stating the pay of all the soldiery.

" Committees from Pennsylvania & the Jerseys have been up & commissioned Field & other officers, for a number of Battalions & are recruiting.

[The Committee appointed Field officers—see next Report.]

" When the shattered part of our Fleet returned in the manner you have doubtless heard, an attack was expected immediately; the General sent expresses to raise the Militia; upon which alarm, about 1000 or 1500 men came in from New Hampshire, Mass^a Bay & the Green Mountains & great pains have been taken to fortify this Mount, which is now pretty strong. A party from the Enemy in Thirteen boats about ten days since appeared in sight of the place & sounded the Lake; but they soon retired.

" The Canadians, Indians & Regulars have evacuated Crown Point; their numbers not certainly known, but supposed to be about one thous^d Canadians & Indians & seven Thous^d Regulars.

" Our Continental Troops here must be relieved, their task has been arduous. The General prays that the Battalion stationed at Portsmouth, would come here; he has wrote by Lt. Col^{o} Cilley to Major General Ward, at Boston, for his order for their removal; by this means our men will be discharged & the recruiting greatly facilitated. We fear that we cannot Inlist many at present. Provisions are plenty & good; about thirteen or fourteen Thous^{d} men, militia included, draw allowance. The two mortars that are here are ruin'd.

"There is plenty of Gun powder & a great number of Cannon. A supply of Medicines are arrived and on the way; those we rec^{d} at Exeter are deliver'd according to order. We shall endeavor or some of us, to attend the General Court at their next sitting. It is expected that two thousand five hundred men or thereabouts must Garrison these places this winter. Barracks are Building with all the Dispatch possible. We make no Doubt but you pay the greatest attention to the article of clothing. We have been as Industrious in our Business & as attentive to our orders as possible.

"We are with great respect,
Your most obed^{t} hh^{bl} serv^{ts}
JONA. BLANCHARD, for the Com$^{tee.}$

Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq^{r}. to be communicated.
The Small Pox is not in Camp,
nor any where this way."

Col. Blanchard's Report to the Assembly.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 258.]

Mr. Blanchard, one of the Com^{tee} appointed by the Council & Assembly of this State to repair to Ticonderoga to officer & raise two Battalions for the Continental army, Begs leave to inform the Hon^{ble} house, that the Com^{tee} arriv'd at that place on the 2^{d} day of Nov^{r} Instant: That the next day they waited on General Gates & advised with him:

The Com^{tee} likewise consulted the Field officers & Captains now in the army from this State:

That on the 8th day the Com^{tee} appointed & Commissioned the following Gentlemen Field officers, for the first & second Battalion, viz:

John Stark, Esquire, Colonel
Joseph Cilley, Esq^{r} Lieut. Col^{o} } First Battalion.
George Reed, Esq^{r} Major
Enoch Poor, Esquire, Colonel
Nathan Hale, Esq^{r} Lieut. Col^{o} } Second Battalion.
Windborn Adams, Major

Mr. Nathaniel McClintock appointed & Commiss^{d} Adjutant to the Second Battalion.

The Com^{tee} appointed,

Jason Wait of Alstead, Esq^{r}
Amos Morrill of Epsom, Esq^{r} } Captains for the first Battalion.
Lieuts. advanced { Amos Emerson of Chester
Isaac Farwell of Charlestown
Eben^{r} Frye of Pembroke

Benjamin Titcomb
Fred^{k} Mordent Bell } of Dover, Esq^{rs}
James Norris of Epping, Esq^{r}.
James Carr of Somersworth, Esq^{r} } Captains for the Second Battalion.
John Drew of Barrington, Esq^{r}
Lieuts. Advanced { Elijah Cloyce of Fitz William
Samuel Blodget of Goffstown

The Committee delivered to each Captain inlisting orders, & appointed several subalterns & gave orders likewise:

The General inform'd the Com^tee that the money in the Military chest was nearly exhausted, that he could illy spare any; he however deliver'd to Col° Poor about five thousand Dollars which he distributed among the Recruiting officers.

The Several officers inlisted near one hundred men & the Com^tee applied to the General to appoint a muster-master, but he declin'd. The Com^tee then appointed Col° David Gilman: he pass'd about thirty (the others immediately upon their inlistment had furloughs) they were sworn before Benjamen Giles, Esq.

The General proposed to discharge all the Continental troops from this State, on Fryday the 15th Inst.

The Committee then took under consideration the want of money. The immediate release of all the old Troops & soon discharge of the militias: that several Battalions of Jersey troops were to tarry till March; and upon the whole, tho't adviseable for the service of this State, to leave that place. Benjamin Giles & David Gilman Esq^rs set off for New York, to fill up the Vacancies in that Department.

The Com^tee were as industrious in their business & as attentive to their orders as possible, & hope that their doings will meet the approbation of the General Court.

The Com^tee at New York appointed

Capt. Jeremiah Gilman of Plastow
1st Lieut. William Sartell, of Charlestown
2d Lieut. William Hutchins of Weare
Ensign Nathaniel Kimball of Plastow.

Capt. John House of Hanover
1st Lieut —— Gould of Cockermouth
Ensign —— Blake of Lebanon.

Capt. Caleb Robinson of Exeter
1st Lieut. Moses Dustin, of Candia
2d Lieut Micah Hoit of Newtown
Ensign, Ebenezer Light of Exeter.

Capt. William Scott of Peterborough
1st Lieut. Moody Dustin of Litchfield
2d Lieut. Josiah Munro of Amherst
Ensign Benj^a Snow of Plymouth.

Lieut. Col. Coburn recommends Amos Coburn for 2d Lieut. Adonijah Goodeneau for 2d Lt. or Ensign; Capt. Holms of Walpole for a Captain. Nath^l McCalley of Derryfield for Lieut. to Capt. Morrell's Company.

Letter of thanks from General Horatio Gates.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 67.]

Ticonderoga, November 9th 1776.

GENTLEMEN—I return you, and the officers & soldiers of the Regiments under your command, my sincere thanks for the Spirit and Expedition both you & they have shewn in marching upon the first alarm, upwards of one hundred & fifty miles, to the support of this important pass, when threatened with an immediate attack from the Enemy's Army. I now dismiss you with the Honour you have so well deserved. I further Certify, that neither you nor any under your command, have received any pay or reward from me for your services upon this occasion; that I leave to be settled by the General Congress with the Convention of your State. With great respect,

I am, Gentlemen, your most obed^{t}
Hum^{bl} Serv^{t}
HORATIO GATES.

To Colonel Ashley & Colonel Bellows
commanding the Regiments of Militia
from the County of Cheshire, in the State
of New Hampshire.

Inlisting Orders to Capt. Joshua Abbot.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 266.]

To Capt. JOSHUA ABBOT.

You are hereby impowered immediately to inlist a Comp^{y} to consist of Eighty six able bodied effective men, including non-commissioned officers & Privates, as soldiers in the service of & for the defence of the United States, upon the Establishment fixed by the Hon^{ble} Congress, with such additional encourgement given by the State of New Hampshire to continue in that service till the end of the present War, (1) unless sooner discharged by Congress, & that you cause said men when so inlisted to pass muster as soon as may be, the non-commissioned officers to be appointed by the Captain & subalterns of each Company & to make Return.

(No date)

BENJ^{m} GILES
JON^{a} BLANCHARD
STEP^{h} EVANS
D^{a} GILMAN
} Committee from the State of New Hampshire

Action of the N. H. Committee of Safety, in relation to the New York tories.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 85.]

State of Nw Hamp^{r} } In Committee of Safety,

November 14th 1776.

The Committee, taking into consideration what is necessary to be done with a number of persons sent into this State by order of the State of New York, and enquiring of the officers who conducted them & receiving such information as they could give relating to the Crimes charged against them (the Convention of New York not having as yet transmitted any thing relative thereto) Have determined that at present and until some information arrives from the State of New York,

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(1) The bounty & encouragement offered by the State of New Hampshire to each non-commissioned officer & private soldier, was, one blanket or 18s annually; 20s per month to be paid semi-annually: And the additional encouragement offered by Congress, 20 dollars bounty; 100 acres of land, a suit of clothes annually to consist of two linen hunting shirts, two pair of overhalls, a leathern or woolen waistcoat with sleeves, one pair of breeches, a hat or leathern cap, two shirts, two pair of stockings & two pair of shoes, all equal to the value of twenty dollars.—ED.

That Silvester Stone. Daniel Daughty, George Daughty, Adam Weaver, Daniel Hoffman, James Parker, Thomas Bullis, George Blanchard & Timothy Daughty be committed to the Prison in Exeter, having the Liberty of the yard in the day time only; and that all the other persons may provide their own lodgings any where within six miles of the State House in the Town of Exeter, except in the Town of New Market, at no time going beyond those limits, and that they strictly observe their conduct relative to political affairs, & by no means endeavour to use words or arguments to people they may converse with tending to hurt the Interest of the States of America, or in opposition to the present contest with Great Britain, on pain of immediate imprisonment. Any of the above persons being of the society called Quakers (not of the number ordered to prison) observing the above caution may go to the Towns of Dover, Hampton Falls. Seabrook & Kensington, if they think fit and take quarters with the People there of that Society. Every person when he has provided himself with Lodgings is to take care to return his name, & the name of his Landlord, & in what Town he resides, to General Folsom at Exeter.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

Certificate.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 91.]

In Committee of Safety, Novembr 15th, 1776.

This Certifies that Capt. A. Funda of the State of New York, has guarded by order of said State (as he says) Seventy four Persons, and delivered them into the custody of this Committee under the character of being unfriendly to the States of America, which persons are for the present disposed of until some Information concerning them may be transmitted to us from the Convention of New York.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 119.]

State of N. Hampr } In Committee of Safety, Novr 23, 1776.

SIR—By two different guards, viz. Capt. Funda, and Capt. Robinson, from the State of New York has been delivered into the care of this Committee about two hundred persons, sent by the Committee appointed for enquiring into and detecting Conspiracies against your State. Also, the Votes & Resolves of said Committee relative to the confinement and care of said persons.

Pursuant to said Resolutions we have ordered sixty seven of said persons to be confined in several Prisons in this State, and the Remainder have Liberty to provide their own Lodging, and support themselves by labour or other ways in several Towns allotted to them under cautions & restrictions for their behaviour.

We must acknowledge the civil & polite behaviour of the Gentlemen from New York who had the care of the Prisoners. In perticular Mr. Benson in whom appeared the Gentleman & generous, disinterested supporter of American Liberty.

The persons Committed to our care, we shall proceed with according to the Resolves of your Committee until further information.

Indorsed—" Copy to
New York Convention, 23 Nov. 1776."

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 121.]

Sate of N. Hamp^r } In Committee of Safety
Novem^r 23, 1776.

Ordered, That Sylvester Stone, Daniel Doughty George Doughty & Adam Weaver, persons sent to this State from New York Convention as enemies to the rights of America, be sent to the Town of Nottingham, and David Hoffman, James Parker, Timothy Doughty and George Blanchard be sent to the Parish of Deerfield, to be put out in such Families (by the respective Selectmen) as will take them to Board, or hire them to Labour. Said persons observing on pain of Imprisonment not to use words or arguments to people they converse with, tending against the measures carrying on by the American States.

Letter from the Hon. Wm. Whipple—relating to the army &c.

Philadelphia, 28^th Nov^r, 1776.

Sir—Inclosed you have a Resolution which Congress wish may be executed as soon possible. What quantity can be procured in New Hampshire you are a much better judge of than I can be, but I am sure the army will dispense with all that can be obtained. I would wish to be informed of the success of the Resolution transmitted you some time ago for procuring cloathing. I hope every exertion will be used to furnish the soldiers with these necessary articles.

Col. Bartlett can inform you of the State of the Army when he pass'd through it, since which I have no reason to think there has been any alteration for the better with respect to cloathing. The disposition that the State that I have the honor to represent, has hitherto discovered, leaves no room to doubt that proper measures will be pursued to effect these purposes, as well as compleating the Quota of the new army.

Gen. Howe is on this side Hudson's river with 8 or 10,000 men; it's thought by some that he intends to march this way; if so, I flatter myself we shall give a good acco^t of him, as proper dispositions are making for his reception.

Acc^ts from abroad are very favorable, tho' of such a nature that I am not at liberty to communicate them. We have nothing to do but keep a sufficient army in the field to oppose that of the enemy one campaign more, and its over with them.

I am, with every sentiment of respect
Your most obed^t serv^t
Wm. Whipple.

P. S. My Colleague is now confin'd with the small pox, but is on the recovery & I expect will be out in a few days.

Resolve of Congress, Nov. 27, 1776, relating to a Supply of Shoes &c. for the Army.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 131.]

Resolved, That the Delegates from the four New England Governments be directed to take the most effective measures to have at least 10,000 pair of Shoes and 10,000 pair of Stockings purchased in those States and sent forward to General Washington's head quarters, with all possible expedition for the use of the soldiers under his Command.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHA^s^ THOMSON, Sec^y^.

JOURNAL

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

RESUMED.

NOTE. The Journal of the House of Representatives which follows, is copied from the original, in a bound MS. volume, in the Secretary's office, labelled "State Records —Journal of the House, 1776-77."

The reader is reminded, that only such parts of this Journal, are copied in full as are of general and public interest; while matters of a more private and local nature, are referred to in an abridged form and smaller type.—ED.

State of New Hampshire } At a Convention of the Representatives of the State of New Hampshʳ begun & held at Exeter in said State on Wednesday the 27 day of Novʳ 1776, by adjournment—

The members of the House being called over, sent a message to see if there was a Board—who returned & said there was not a board; Then adjourn'd to tomorrow, 9 o'clock A. M.

State of New Hampshire } *A List of the Members of the Honᵇˡᵉ House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their session begun & holden at Exeter on Wednesday Novʳ 27ᵗʰ A. D. 1776, by adjournment.*

[Copied from State Pap. Vol. V. pp. 135-137.]

TOWNS & PLACES.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.	No. miles travel'd.
Northampton & Newton	Hon. Phillips White, Speakʳ	8
Exeter	Noah Emery Esq. Cler.	0
Portsmouth	Samˡ Cutts, Esq	14
"	Samˡ Sherburne	14
"	Pierse Long	14
Londonderry	John Bell, Esqʳ	22
Chester	Stephen Morse	20

TOWNS & PLACES.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.	No. miles travel'd.
Chester	Robert Wilson, Esq	14
Greenland	Clement March, Esq	10
Newington	Richd Downing Esq	15
New Castle	Henry Prescott, Esq.	17
Rye	Nathan Goss	12
Hampton	Josiah Moulton, Esq.	8
Northampton	Dr. Levi Dearborn	6
Kensington	Ezekiel Worthen	7
Hampton-falls & Seabrook		
Stratham	Benja Barker, Esqr	3
New Market	*Thomas Tash*, Esqr (1)	8
Brintwood	Samuel Dudley Esqr	5
Poplin & Raymond	John Dudley, Esqr	18
Epping	Nehemiah Wheeler	8
Nottingham	Thos Bartlett, Esqr	12
Deerfield & Northwood	Jere: Eastman, Esqr	22
Epsom, Chichesr & Allenstn	John McClary Esqr.	24
Pembroke	David Gilman Esqr	35
Concord	Timothy Walker, Esqr	40
Canterbury & Loudon	Thomas Clough	40
Pelham	James Gibson	35
Wyndham	James Betton, Esqr	26
Salem	Caleb Dustin	20
Plastow & Atkinson	Samuel Kimball	16
Kingston & E. Kingston	Samuel Philbrick, Esqr	4
Sandown & Hawke	Moses Colby (2)	11
Candia	*Moses Baker*, Esqr (3)	
Hampstead	*John Calfe*, Esqr (4)	
Bow & Dunbarton	Capt. Caleb Page	50
Dover	Stephen Evans Esqr	18
"	Otis Baker, Esqr	18
Durham	Mr. John Smith, 3d	12
Summersworth	Ichabod Rollins, Esqr	21
Rochester	James Knowles Esqr	25
Barrington	James Marden	25
Madbury		
Lee,	*Hercules Mooney*, Esqr (5)	
Gilmanton & Barnstead	Joseph Badger, Esqr	40
Sanbornton & Meredith	Ebenr Smith, Esqr	52
Leavitston, Wakefield and Middleton	Nathaniel Balch, Esqr	50
Sandwich, Tamworth, & Moultonborough	Daniel Beede, Esq.	68
New Durham, the Gore, and Wolfeborough		

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(1) Col. Tash, being in the army, did not attend, at any time, during the session.—Ed.
(2) Did not attend.
(3) Did not attend, Col. in the army.
(4) Did not attend; Capt. in the army.
(5) Did not attend—Col. in the army.

TOWNS & PLACES.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.	No. miles travel'd.
Amherst	*Moses Nichols* Esq^r (1)	40
"	*Nahum Baldwin*, Esq^r (2)	40
Dunstable	Jona. Lovewell, Esq^r	40
Holles	Stephen Ames	44
Weare	John Worth	50
Hopkinton	Step^n Harriman	50
Boscawen & Salisbury	Henry Gerrish Esq^r	50
Wilton, Lyndsboro', Mile Slip & Duxbury farm	Jacob Abbot, Esq^r	50
Mason & Raby	Amos Dakin	58
New Ipswich	William Shattuck	60
Temple & Peterborough	Samuel Moore	65
Hillsboro', Heneker, Deering & Society's Land	Joseph Simonds	65
Litchfield & Notting^m West	Asa Davis, Esq^r	35
Merrimac & Bedford	Matthew Patten, Esq	35
Derryfield & Goffstown	Moses Kelley, Esq^r	35
Francestown & New Boston		
New Breton, Warner, Perryston & Fisherfield,		
Rindge, Jaffrey and Peterboro' Slip	Enoch Hale, Esq^r	72
Dublin & Monadnock, No. 5,	Eliphalet Stone	78
Packersfield, Stoddard, Camden & Gilsom	Joseph Rounseval	85
Keen	Timothy Ellis, Esq^r	88
Westmoreland	Heber Miller, Esq^r	96
Richmond	Oliver Capson	100
Hinsdale & Chesterfield	Archib^d Robinson	100
Marlow, Surry & Alstead	*Nat. S. Prentice* Esq. (3)	100
Walpole	John Bellows, Esq^r	103
Charleston	Elijah Grout	114
Cornish, Plainfield, Protectorworth & Grantham	Moses Chase, Esq	130
Winchester		
Claremont		
Swansey & Fitzwilliam		
Unity, Acworth, Lemster, Savil, Croydon, Newport		
Plimouth, Alexandria, Cockermouth & New Chester	Samuel Emerson, Esq^r	85
Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton	Daniel Brainard Esq.	94
Lyme, Orford, Wentworth, Dorchester, Piermont & Warren	Israel Morey, Esq	120
Haverhill, Gunthwait, Bath, Lyman. Landaff, Morriston		

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(1) Did not attend—Col. in the army.
(2) Did not attend—Col. in the army.
(3) Did not attend.—ED.

TOWNS & PLACES.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.	No. miles travel'd.
Hanover, Lebanon, Relhan, Canaan, Cardigan, Grafton,		
Apthorp, Northumberland,		
Lancaster, Strafford, Conway, Cockburne, Colburn, Shelburn, & the Towns above them,		

Thursday, Nov^{r} 28th, P. M.

Voted, That the hearing & trial of Col. Asa Porter, which was appointed to be heard this day be postponed to Thursday next in the forenoon.

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^{le} Board to consider of the petitions of John Mc Donald, James Glass, Levi Devoe, John Lawrence & others, now prisoners in Dover Goal, from the State of New York & to report what is necessary for the present relief of them & any other of the Indigent Prisoners sent here from that State, and in what manner & way they shall be provided for: And that Col^{o} Sherburne, John Dudley Esq^{r}, James Betton Esq^{r} Col^{o} Kelley & Ichabod Rollins, Esq^{r} be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Capt. Moulton. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett & Folsom, added.]

[P. 2.] Friday, Nov^{r} 29th, 1776.

The petition of Peter Mitchell being read & considered, Voted & ordered, That the said Peter Mitchell confine himself within the town of Dover, until furthir order of this Court, on pain of Imprisonment.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 55.]

Dover, Oct^{r} 29, 1776.

SIR—Peter Mitchell having lately signified to the Committee of Dover his Desire to be liberated from his present confinement & they having no objection to such liberation ordered me to signify the same to the hon^{ble} Committee of Safety for the State &c.

THOS. W^{k} WALDRON, Chairman.

To the Hon^{ble} Meshach Weare, Esq^{r}
Exeter.

Voted That a Committee be chosen by this house to call upon all Persons who have made use of any of the masts belonging to this State and receive of them their proper value, and to examine all attested accounts bro't in against them, and pay what they find justly due on such accounts and to Dispose of such of said masts as are remaining, to the best advantage for this State—and to make report of the same, to this house as soon as may be; and that Samuel Cutts & Joshua Wentworth, Esqr^s^ be the Committee for that purpose. Sent up by Rob^t^ Wilson, Esq^r^. [Concurred.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Board, to enquire into the Embezzelment of the sails & rigging & other materials belonging to the ship Prince George lately sunk in Piscataqua harbour, and to find and secure the same, and sell them for the use of this State, and to make report to this house as soon as may be; and that Henry Prescott, Esq^r^ of New Castle & Capt. John Rollins of Somersworth, be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred, & John Parker Esq. added.]

David Page Esq. appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton. Samuel Kelley of Dover, Coroner for the County of Strafford, in the room of Nath^l^ Cooper who has refused; John Fabyan of Newington, Coroner for the County of Rockingham, in the room of John Nutter, deceased; Stephen Ames of Hollis, Coroner for the County of Hillsborough, in the room of Daniel Emerson, jun. who refused; and James Stoodley, Esq. of Newington, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

[P. 3.] Voted, That Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r^, Nicholas Gilman & Mr. Joseph Gilman be a Committee to make necessary Provision for and take care of all the Prisoners sent to this State from the State of New York, and that the said Committee be and hereby are authorized to Dispose of those that are not confined in Goal in any place or places in this State where they shall judge most convenient for the safety of the States, and that the said Committee have power to draw on the Treasurer for any sum of money not exceeding one hundred & fifty pounds in the whole for the said purpose. The expenditure to be accounted for by said Committee. Sent up by Mr. Wheeler. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Major Downing, John Dudley Esq. Col^o^ Badger, Col^o^ Walker, &John McClary, Esq^r^ be a Committee of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the hon^ble^ Board to consult together and report to this house, the best ways & means for answering the late requisition of Gen^{l} Washington for one thousand of the Militia of this State to be raised and sent to his aid in New York. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred. Mr. Wentworth, Bartlett, Folsom, Blanchard and Ashley, added.]

Joshua Bailey, Esq. appointed Justice of the Peace for Rockingham County, and Joseph Sawyer of Warner a Justice of the Peace for Hillsboro' County.

[P. 5.] In the House of Representatives, Doc^{r} 2, 1776.

Voted, That Col. Joseph Badger be Speaker pro tempore.

Voted, That General Nathaniel Folsom have & receive out of the Treasury two hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing cloathing for the soldiers in the service of the Continent, to be by him accounted for, and that the President give order of payment accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, Dec^{r} 3^{d}, 1776.

Voted, That Capt. Stephen Harriman, be & hereby is appointed to repair to Newbury & Salisbury and any other places & procure one hundred bushells of Salt at the cheapest rate he can for the use of this State, and procure it to be transported to Exeter as soon as possible in order to salt up Provisions for the use of the Army. And that he receive out of the Treasury seventy pounds for that purpose to be by him accounted for and that the President give order of payment accordingly. Sent up by Capt. Moulton. [Concurred.]

[P. 6.] Voted To choose a Committee to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to Nominate a Com^{tee} to go to Providence, to consult with the Committees of the other States of New England upon some method to support the credit & prevent the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, and also to Nominate a Committee to make out and forward the account of this State against the Continent, and that Col^{o} Walker, Capt. Moulton, & Maj^{r} Bartlett be the Com^{tee} of this House for those purposes. Sent up by Capt. Moulton. [Concurred. Messrs. Blanchard & Folsom added.]

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Phillips White, Esq^{r} & Col^{o} Timothy Walker be & hereby are appointed a Committee to repair to Providence in the State of Rhode Island, to consult with the Committees of the other States of New England upon some method to support the Credit & Prevent the Depreciation of the paper Currency of these States, and that they receive out of the Treasury twelve pounds to be by them accounted for.

[P. 7.] Voted & Resolved, That each prison-keeper in this State, be allowed eight shillings per week for each person in Prison from the State of New York for Diet, & that the said Prisoners be allowed firewood, and that an exact account thereof be kept & rendered by such Prison-Keepers for allowance. Sent up by Mr. Brainerd. [Concurred.]

Voted & Resolved, That none of the Prisoners sent into this State from the State of New York have leave to write or send Letters to any person or persons whatever or wherever without the same being inspected by the Committee (or one of them) appointed by this State to have the care of said Prisoners, and the name of one of said Committee indorsed thereon; and that the said Committee have Instructions given them for their conduct in all other matters respecting said Prisoners, by a Committee of this house & of the Hon^bl Council to be appointed for that purpose, and that Mr. James Gibson, Mr. M^cClary & Mr. Lovewell be a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^bl Board to make out such Instructions to the above Committee. Sent up by Mr. Brainerd. [Concurred—Messrs. Bartlett, Thompson, Ashley, Blanchard, Wentworth and Giles added.]

[P. 9.] Wednesday, Dec^r 4^th 1776.

Voted & Resolved to raise and equip one thousand men, officers included, of the Militia in this State to repair imediately to New York & put themselves under the command of General Washington, or the Commander in chief there for the defence of the States of America. Sent up by Col. Walker.

The Com^tee appointed to consult upon the best ways and means for answering the late requisition of General Washington for raising part of the Militia in this State, &c. made report (as on file) (1) which report is rec^d & allowed, and thereupon—

Voted, That five hundred men be Draughted from the several Regiments in this State as soon as possible, & officer'd

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(1) This report has not been found on file.—ED.

& sent to New York, That the wages of the officers & men be the same that is given by the State of the Mass^a Bay, That the field officers of the regiments aforesaid appoint the Captains & subalterns of the Companies in their respective regiments. Sent up by Mr. Grout. [Concurred.]

House of Representatives, Dec. 4th, 1776.

Mr. Blanchard bro't from the Board a Resolve of Council to Desire the Hon^{ble} Congress to transmitt to the State 20,000 Dollars, to provide Cloathing &c. for the army. [Concurred.]

Accts, votes, petitions &c. acted on by the House and concurred by the Council, from Nov^r 27th to Dec. 4th, 1776. [See Rec. of Council.]

Acc^t of James Anderson for going Express to Ticonderoga, all^d, £4:10.

Petition of David Meader, for damages done his meadows by masts lying thereon—Committee to examine.

Allowed, John Ayer, £10 for detecting James Ryan in counterfeiting Bills of credit.

Committee appointed to report on necessary business.

Salt-petre Com^{tee} paid for expences £21:9:¼.

Dr. George Wood all^d £5:5 for medicines and attendance.

Thomas Footman, all^d £4:10 for loss of a yawl boat in service of the State.

A Com^{tee} appointed on the Salaries to be paid the several Civil officers.

Vote appointing a Committee to superintend a Loan Office in this State.

Petition of inhabitants of Society Land, for incorporation.

Maritime Act to be amended.

Pay of the Council & Assembly to be paid by the Treasurer, but replaced by a General Tax on the Polls and estate of the people.

Noah Emery's Acc^t to be examined.

Petition of inhabitants of Camden, to be incorporated by the name of Washington—a bill to be brought in.

Petition of inhabitants of New Marlborough, to be incorporated as Marlborough.

Maj^r Timothy Ellis, all^d 80*s*. for carrying money from Exeter, to officers engaged in recruiting the army.

Losses of Capt. Dearborn's company at Quebeck to be made up.

Petition of Margaret Little against James Carnes—hearing granted.

Thursday, Dec^r 5th, 1776.

Voted, That Col^o David Gilman be Colonel of the Regiment now to be raised & sent to New-York, and that Maj^r Thomas Bartlett be Lieut Col^o and Maj^r Peter Coffin be Maj^r of said Regiment. [Concurred.]

[P. 11.] Voted That James Betton, Esq^r be and hereby is appointed a Committee to repair to the Camps in New York and try if he can engage Five hundred of the Militia of this State now on duty there to tarry there till the first day of March next under such Encouragements as he shall be directed to offer them from this State. Sent up by Mr. Cutts. [Concurred.]

Upon reading a Letter from Col° Jacob Bailey to this House respecting the Indians near Cohos &c. Voted, That Col° Jacob Bailey have & receive out of the Treasury, fifty pounds for the Purpose of purchasing Necessaries for the Indians at & near Cohos, to trade with the said Indians for furs &c. he to be accountable to this State for the same and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

Letter from Col. Jacob Bailey, relating to Indians.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 169.]

Exeter, 4^th December 1776.

SIR—I have had of late opportunity to converse with Indians of the St. Francis tribe, and perceiving the Indians are informed by Our Enemies in Canada, that it is impossible for our States to supply them with articles they need and of course they must be wholly beholden to and must join them;—In order to counteract their plan, I inform them that it is in our power to Supply them as reasonably as they can be supplied in Canada, and have hired an Indian with two men ordered by Capt. Ames to proceed to the Indian hunting ground to inform the Indians that we are ready to Supply, if they chuse at Uper Co'os in Exchang for Bever &c. as reasonably as they can be supplied in Canada; to inform them that we are the same as to them as twelve years past; that we wonder that they should make themselves strange, that we don't mean to intreat them, but to inform and undeceive them.

For the servise of the Indian I promised him a blanket and his Squa and three children one each; Should think it will be a great saving to this State if some supplys for Indians be Conveyed to Uper Co'os and directed to be exchanged reasonably with them for furs &c. for if the Indians trade with us we need no soldiers. I thought it Duty to give Information. Beg leave to subscribe myself your very

Humble servant,

JACOB BAYLEY.

To the Hon^ble the Speaker of the
House of Representatives for
State of New hamp^r
To be Communicated.

Memorandum of Articles suitable for Indians, viz.

2 doz. Blankets, White or Blue

Do. shirts corse, white or check
30 yds. half-thicks or other cloath equal thereto.
Powder & Lead.

At present the above is as much as will be needed at Uper Coos.

JACOB BAYLEY.

Decr 5th 1776.

[P. 12.] Voted, to choose a Committee of this house to join a Committee of the Honble Board to take under consideration the Letters from the States of Rhode Island & Massa Bay this day recd with copies of Letters from Genl Lee & from Govr Trumbull &c. and to report thereon, and that Jno. Dudley, Esq. Colo Badger, Colo Sherburne, Major Ellis & Mr. Patten, be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by S. Dudley, Esq. [Concurred—Messrs. Ashley, Blanchard, Wentworth, & Giles added.]

Resolve of the General Assembly of Massachusetts.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 97.]

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 16th, 1776.

Resolved, That the Honble Tristam Dalton & Aron Orne, Esqrs, with such as the Honble Board shall join, be a Committee to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, at Providence, in Rhode Island, the tenth Day of December next, Provided said Assemblies think proper to appoint such Committees: Then And there to hold a Conference respecting further Emissions of Paper Currency on the credit of any of said States. Also, on measures necessary for supporting the Credit of the Public Currencies thereof; and that the said Committee (if the Committees of the other States so met agree thereto) be empowered to communicate to the other United States of America the Intention of their Convention, and urge that Some measures be taken by them to the same purpose & to give like Information to the Honble the Continental Congress, and propose to them whether the Regulation of the Currencies is not an object of necessary attention, and to Report as soon as may be.

And it is ordered, That the Secretary immediately transmit authenticated copies of this Resolve to the General Assemblies of the several States afore-mentioned.

Concurred in Council, Nov. 16, 1776. Thomas Cushing added.

A true copy—

JOHN AVERY, Dep. Secy.

Resolve of the General Assembly of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 105.]

Thursday, 21st Novr 1776.

Whereas the General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, by a Resolve of the Sixteenth of this Instant November, have appointed a Committee to meet Committees from the General Assemblies of the States of Connecticut, New Hampshire and this State, at Providence, on the tenth Day of December next, in case such Committees be, by the Said Assemblies appointed, to hold a Conference respecting further Emissions of Paper Currency on the Credit of any of the said States, also upon measures necessary for supporting the Credit of the publick Currencies thereof &c. It is therefore—

Voted and Resolved, That the Hon^bl William Bradford, Esq. Col^o Jonathan Arnold and Henry Marchant, Esq. be hereby appointed a Committee to meet the said Committee from the State of the Massa chusetts Bay, at the time and place and for the purposes in the aforesaid Resolve mentioned; provided the States of Connecticut and New-Hampshire shall think proper to appoint Committees for the same purposes; And that the Secretary immediately transmit Copies of this Resolve to the States of the Massachusetts Bay Connecticut and New Hampshire.

A true Copy.—Witness,

HENRY WARD, Sec^y.

Letter from Gov^r Trumbull of Connecticut.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 123.]

Hartford, Nov^r 25, 1776.

SIR—In Answer to a Resolve of your Assembly proposing a Convention of the Several States respecting further Emissions of Paper Currency and for supporting the Credit thereof; am desired by the Assembly of this State to advise that the proposal would be very agreeable and might have very Salutary effects; yet as we understand that the Hon^ble Continental Congress have taken the subject into consideration with a purpose to Act upon it, we are fearfull least a Convention as proposed at this time, would give umbrage to the other States and cause some unhappy Jealousies which might prove detrimental; we have already passed Sundry Acts for the purpose of securing the Credit of our Currency by making the Continental Bills and our own a Tendry in all payments; also, by stating & regulating the prices of the necessaries and conveniences of life and enforcing the Same; the rapid and exorbitant rise of which has a great tendency to depreciate the Currency; Copies of which several Acts will, if desired, transmit you when leisure permits; Wherefore this State beg leave for the present to decline the motion made. I am, with great truth & Regard

Sir, Your Obedient Hh^bl Serv^t.

JON^A. TRUMBULL.

To the President of Council
of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Letter from Gen. Charles Lee to Gov. James Bowdoin of Massachusetts.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 111.]

Camp at Phillipsburg, Nov. 21^st, 1776.

SIR—Before the unfortunate affair of Fort Washington, it was my opinion that the two armies, that on the East and that on the West side of N^th River, must rest each on its own bottom, that the idea of detaching & reinforcing from one side to the other, on every motion of the Enemy, was Chimerical; but to harbour such a thought in our present circumstances is absolute insanity.—In this perswasion should the Enemy alter the present direction of their operations and attempt to open the Passage of the Highlands or enter New England, I shou'd never entertain a thought of being succour'd from the Western army. I know it is impossible; we must therefore entirely depend upon ourselves: to Connecticut and Massachusetts I shall look for assistance; the time of service of the men who compose the little Corps under my command is near expiring, the Enemy's Troops are well clad for a Winter Campaign; shou'd they attempt when winter setts in to open the Communication of the Highlands or enter New England, I know not what we have to oppose them; some means must be devised to raise your Regular Battalions, for as to your Militia they are grown more detestable than ever, not from the bad Quality of the men, for they are certainly good, but from the wretched character of the officers, particularly of the lower sort, who want every attribute of soldiers & citizens; they want spirit, patience, constitution, integrity & Public virtue of course. If your men run away, you may be assured that the way is led by the officers; there are notwithstanding some worthy subjects amongst them; but the bad predominates so enormously that little confidence can be placed in your Militia. I must repeat therefore, that I hope not only the Legislative Body, but the whole Gentlemen of the New England Provinces will exert themselves to forward the completion of the Continental Regiments;—for Heaven's sake, Sir, contrive to send us some Blanketts, otherwise we must dissolve away, before the time of our natural death. I hope the cursed jobb at Fort Washington, will occasion no dejection; the place itself was of no value; for my own part I am perswaded that if we act with only common sense, spirit and descision, the day must be our own. Adieu, Dear Sir, and believe me to be most respectfully, yours,

CHARLES LEE.

A true copy—Attest—John Avery, Dep^y Sec^y.

Friday, Dec. 6^th, 1776.

The Com^tee appointed to consider of the Letters rec^d yesterday, made report, (as on file) viz. That the 500 men voted to be raised with all possible despatch and sent forward: That Mr. Betton proceed on his journey according to his Directions, and that officers be appointed to raise the 3^d Continental Battalion Imediately.

Whereupon, Voted, to choose a Committee of this House to join such as the Hon^bl Board shall appoint to Proportion the five hundred men, (now to be raised and forwarded to New York) to and among^t the several Regiments in this State, and to give out orders to the several Col^s or commanders of said Regiments to draught their several Quotas of said 500 men, and that Col° Sherburne, Mr. Shattuck, Col° Baker, Mr. Bellows & Mr. Brainerd be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Shattuck. [Concurred.]

It being represented to this house, That the Rev^{d} Mr. Jonathan Livermore of Wilton has in Sundry instances been Enimical to the Liberties of America,—Therefore

Voted, That the said Mr. Jonathan Livermore be cited to appear before the general Assembly of this State on the Second Wednesday of the sitting of said Assembly after the twentieth day of December ins^{t} to answer to what may be objected against him in that behalf; and, That Timothy Farrar, Esq. of New Ipswich be impowered to take affidavits for and against the said Mr. Livermore. Sent up by Capt. Simonds. [Concurred.]

[P. 14.] The Com^{tee} to consider of the expediency of Salting up Provisions made report, which being read and considered,

Voted, To receive & accept the same; and thereupon, Voted, That General Folsom & John Burnam Hanson, be a Committee to procure on the best terms they can as much Beef & Pork for the use of this State as they can get & find salt to save, and that said Committee procure and Store up as many Beans and Peas as they can procure; and that for that end the said Hanson receive out of the Treasury three hundred pounds, and that Gen^{l} Folsom receive out of the Treasury seven hundred pounds to be by them severally accounted for, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted, To choose a Com^{tee} of this House to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to consider of and Report to this house what shall be deemed Treason against this State and what shall be deemed Misprision of Treason or Concealment of Treason, and the mode of Executing Judgments against persons attainted of Felony, and to prepare & bring in a bill accordingly. And that John Dudley Esq^{r} Mr. Lovewell and Mr. Patten be the Com^{tee} of this house for that Purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough.

[P. 15.] Saturday, Dec^{r} 7th 1776.

Voted, That the several Colonels or Commanding officers of the Regiments of Militia in this State be muster masters

& pay masters of such officers & soldiers as shall be Draughted in their respective regiments (excepting the sixth regiment, and in that Regiment, That Capt. Abiel Abbot of Wilton be muster master and paymaster) and that the said muster masters & and pay masters imediately after the mustering the said men return perfect Rolls of them to the General Assembly or Comtee of Safety of this State for the time being. Sent up by Mr. Smith. [Concurred.]

[P. 16.] Monday, Decr 9, 1776.

Sundry letters and copies of Letters were produced in the House and read—[of which the following are found on file.] viz.

Letter from General Lee.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 133.]

Camp Phillipsburg, 27th, Nov. 1776. (1)

SIR—As the whole fate of America depends on the speedy completion of the new Army; all Considerations ought undoubtedly to be postponed to this object. The officers, (and indeed it must necessarily be so) are of opinion, That nothing impedes the Recruiting of the Army so much as the present rage for Privateering, that unless this is in some measure checked it is in vain to expect any success. I wou'd therefore humbly refer to your consideration whether it is not expedient to lay a temporary Embargo on Privateers, until the Regiments of each State are compleated. Our situation is so delicate and alarming, and the absolute necessity of the army's being raised without delay so obvious, that you will at least excuse the liberty I take in proposing the only move which occurs to me

I am with the greatest respect,
Your most Obt humble servt,
CHARLES LEE.

(Copy)
To the Honble James Bowdoin,
President of the Council of the
State of Massachusetts Bay.

Letter from Col. Anthony Wayne to Col. Hurd.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 125.]

Ticonderoga, 25th November, 1776.

Col. HURD—

Sir—The Enemy retreated from Crown Point with their whole force about three weeks since. One or two Regiments of them are stationed at the Isle aux Noix, one at St. John's, and one at Chamblee, the remainder are Cantoon'd from Montreal to Quebec.

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(1) General Lee wrote another letter, dated Nov. 30, 1776, which has not been found. —ED.

A strong garrison remain here during the Winter, which will be reinforced early in the Spring. But I have no direction respecting matters in your Quarter. I shall write to Gen^{l} Schuyler on the occasion. If you should be able to gain any Intilligence of the Enemies motions, that would affect this Port, it cannot be too early convey'd to. S^{r} your most

Obedient Humble servant

ANT^{y} WAYNE, Col^{o}.

Letter from Governor Cooke of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 149.]

Providence, Decem^{r} 3, 1776.

SIR—I think it my duty to inform you that I have just received undoubted Intelligence that yesterday morning a large fleet of square-rigged Vessels was seen between Block Island and Montauk, who in all probability are designed for an attack upon this State. When The letters giving me this Information were writing Eleven Sail were plainly discovered, and before the Expresses came away, several more hove in sight. The Authority of New Hampshire will make such use of this Intelligence as Prudence shall suggest, and at all Events prepare the Force of that State to Act as the exigency of affairs shall require.

I am in great haste,

Sir, your most Obed^{t} hh^{bl} Serv^{t},

NICH^{s} COOKE.

Hon^{bl} Speaker of the Assembly
of New Hampshire.

Letter from Henry Ward, Esq. of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 129. Extract.]

"SIR—I am directed by his Honor the Governor to acquaint you that A Privateer belonging to this place arrived here this morning, who took a light Transport ship, being one of 130 Sail bound from New York to Great Britain and the West Indies, under Convoy of Three Ships of War, and which without doubt is the Same Fleet that we received information was taking on board a Body of Troops at Staten Island."

I am, Very respectfully, Sir,

Your Honors most ob^{t} humble servant

HENRY WARD.

Hon^{ble} Speaker of the House of
Representatives of the State of New
Hampshire.

Letter from Gov. Cooke of Rhode Island, to Gov. Bowdoin of Mass^{a}.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 179.]

[Extract.] Providence, Dec^{r} 7th 1776.
5 O'clock, P. M.

"SIR—By Expresses & other Channels I have certain intelligence that between 10 & 11 o'clock, A. M. 80 sail of Ships were seen coming into the Harbor of Newport, and that upwards of 100 sail were between two & three o'clock between Canonicut & the Main Land steering directly up the River. The General Court must be fully apprised of our dangerous situation, and of the fatal consequences of the Enemy's effecting a lodgment upon the Continent & need not any argument to excite them to exert the force of Massachusetts Bay upon this most important occasion, upon the event of which the fate of America may depend."

Your most obed^t^ Servant,
NICHOLAS COOK.

Hon. James Bowdoin, Esq.
(Copy sent to New-Hampshire)

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to Gov. Bowdoin, of Massachusetts.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 183.]

Exeter, 10^th^ Decem^r^ 1776.

SIR—Having received certain intelligence that a large number of the Enemies Ships had made their appearance at Rhode Island, the General Court of this State have sent orders to the Colonels of our militia, to hold their respective Regiments in readiness to march on the Shortest notice, to the relief of that State if necessary And have in the mean time Despatched the Bearer Major Samuel Philbrick to Boston to gain further intelligence of the Designs of the Enemy, and to transmit the same to us with the greatest dispatch.

I am with all due respect,
Sir, your most Obed^t^ humb. Serv^t^,
M. W. President of the Council.

To the Hon^bl^ James Bowdoin, Esq
President of the Council of
Massa'. State.

[P. 17.] Tuesday, Decem^r^ 10^th^, 1776.

The report of the Committee on letters from Rhode Island Boston, &c. was read—whereupon

Voted, That Sam^l^ Philbrick Esq^r^ repair immediately to Boston & get what Intelligence he can about the affairs of Rhode Island, & return & make report as soon as possible.

Voted, That General Folsom be and hereby is Directed to order all the militia of this State instantly to prepare themselves with all necessary warlike accoutrements & six days Provision,—as an order for their marching may follow this in Twenty-four hours.

Voted & Resolved, That a General Embargo imediately take place and continue, till the further order of this Court, on all vessels of every Denomination (excepting such as may be fitted out by order of the United States, or either of them, or by the Board of War in behalf of this State or such as may so continue from one harbor in this State to another, or such as may be permitted by the Gen^l Assembly, or in the recess thereof by the Council or Committee of Safety of this State) And That all vessels departing in violation of the foregoing Resolution, shall with their Cargo, tackle & appurtenances be forfeited to and for the use of this State & recovered by a Libell to be filed for that purpose in the maritime Court of this State, at any time within one year after the offence committed, by the Naval officer of the Port where the said vessel may be seized. And in case any vessel departing as aforesaid shall not be seized in one year after her departure, The owner or Freighter thereof shall forfeit and pay the value thereof, to be sued for and recovered in the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas in the County where the offence may be committed, by the Naval officer of the Port or place from whence the vessel departed; one third to his own use and the other two thirds to the use of this State, and in all trials in the maritime Court or Inferior Courts in consequence of the resolution aforesaid any party aggrieved may appeal to the Superior Court of Judicature in this State.

Resolved, That the Naval officer where there are any, and where there are no Naval officer, the Com^{tee} of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety in the several maritime Towns in this State be ordered and are hereby Impowered to see the foregoing Resolutions be put into Execution. Sent up by Mr. Smith.

[P. 18.] P. M.

Voted, That Alexander Scammell Esq^r be Colonel of the third Continental Battalion to be raised in this State, during the Warr, and that Major Andrew Colburn, be Lieut. Col^o and Major John Hale, be Major of Said Battalion. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. David Gilman be added to the Committee on Claims & muster-rolls during the present session of this Assembly. Sent up by Mr. Barnett.

The House having heard the Evidences against Col^o Asa Porter, and his objections to the jurisdiction (1) of this Court, and after due consideration thereof,

Voted, That the said Asa Porter appears to be An enemy to the Liberties of the United States of America, and that as such, he ought to be confined—And that a Committee of this House be chosen to consult with a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board & make report how & in what manner he shall be confined, and that Mr. Gibson, Mr. Brainard, Mr. Patten, Mr. Baker, Mr. Lovewell, Mr. Morse & Mr. Bell be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Bell. [Concurred—Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Ashley and Mr Giles added.]

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(1) See *ante*. pp. 324-331, 335. ED.

Wednesday, Dec^{r} 11th 1776.

Voted, That Samuel Brooks Jun^{r} be appointed Quarter master to Col^{o} David Gilman's Battalion of Militia now raising for reinforcing the Army at New York.

Voted, That Maj^{r} Benj^{a} Barker and Henry Prescutt Esq^{s} be added to the Committee of Claims & muster-rolls During this Session. [Concurred.]

[P. 19.] Voted, That Doct^{r} Moses Nichols of Amherst be Colonel of the sixth Regiment of Militia in this State:—That Capt. Noah Lovewell be Lieut. Colonel and Capt. Samuel Chase be first Major and Capt. Abiel Abbot be second Major of said Regiment. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted To choose a Com^{tee} of this House to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to consult together and report to this house on the Expediency of sending an Independent Company to consist of one hundred men, officers included, to reinforce the army at New York, to be under the Command of such Gen^{l} officer as they shall be ordered to by this State, and to be limited to such Duty as this State shall order; and that Dr. Dearborn, Maj^{r} Barker, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Betton & Mr. Grout, be the Committee of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Capt. Worthen. [Concurred—Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Ashley and Mr. Giles added.]

[P. 20.] Voted, That Nath^{l} Folsom, Nicholas Gilman & Joseph Gilman Esq^{rs} the Com^{tee} appointed to take care of the Prisoners sent to this State from the State of New York, examine the acc^{ts} of Capt. Jonathan Robinson, Lieut. Dan^{l} Jewell, & Lieut. John Weeks for their charges of escorting the said prisoners to the several Goals in this State, and allow what they judge reasonable for their several accounts, and that they pay them & charge the same to this State. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell.

[From Records of Council, Dec^{r} 11th, 1776, p. 111.]

Orders drawn in pursuance of Votes of General Assembly in favour of Muster-masters and pay-masters, to pay advance to the men raising to recruit the army and advance to several officers going in said service, viz.

NAMES OF MUSTER-MASTERS.	Money advanced.	To whom orders were deliver'd.
Col^{o} Bagder	£130:0	Himself.
Col^{o} Stickney	188	Lt. Col^{o} Gerrish
Col^{o} Evans	252:13	himself
Lt. Col^{o} John Wentworth	180	General Folsom.
Col^{o} Moulton	145	
Col^{o} Nich^{s} Gilman	255	
Col^{o} Jos^{h} Bartlett	180	himself
Col^{o} Jn^{o} Webster	87	Jona. Blanchard, Esq^{r}
Maj^{r} Pinkerton	99	Ditto
Col^{o} Daniel Moore	193	Ditto
Col^{o} Nichols	229	Ditto
Col^{o} Enoch Hale	160	Major Ellis
Lt. Col^{o} Hammond	141	Ditto
Col^{o} Bellows	107	Ditto
Col^{o} Chase	141:10	Ditto
Col^{o} Morey	154	Daniel Brainerd, Esq^{r}
Col^{o} Dav^{d} Hobart	112	Ditto
Col^{o} David Gilman	17:10	themselves
Lt. Col^{o} Th. Bartlett	14:10	
Maj Peter Coffin	12:10	
Q' Master Sam^{l} Brooks	8	

Thursday Decem^{r} 12th, 1776.

Voted, That Capt. Moses Leavitt and Lieutenant John Haven have leave to enlist a Company of Voluntiers to consist of one hundred men, officers included, to join the Continental Army at or near New York, and to remain there untill the first day of March next, to be under the Command of such Brigadier General as the Commander-in-chief shall direct, and that they shall receive such pay & further encouragement as any other Company in the regiment now raising in this State for said service shall have, and that the said Leavitt & Haven shall have leave to Nominate their Subaltern officers for said Company to be commissioned accordingly by the President, and that the President give order for their first months advance wages & for their travel. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Peter Mitchell have leave to travel any where within twelve miles of the Town of Dover.

[P. 21.] The Report of the Commitee of both houses appointed to consider how & in what manner Col° Asa Porter shall be confined, being received and Considered.

Voted, That the said Asa Porter be imediately taken into custody & confined in the Goal in Exeter, with liberty of the Yard of Said Goal, he giving bonds with two sufficient sureties to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Sum of five hundred pounds Lawful money for the use of this State, That he abide & remain a true prisoner, within the limits of Said yard untill further order of the Gen^{l} Court or Committee of Safety of this State. Sent up by Dr. Dearborn. [Concurred.]

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[P. 22.] It apearing to the house necessary that an exact knowledge of the State of the Militia in this State should be had, and the Service done by each Regiment, in the present Warr, exclusive of Alarms, therefore,

Voted That General Folsom be & hereby is directed to issue his orders to the several Colonels of the Militia in this State, requiring them as soon as may be to make return to him of the Number of men in their respective Regiments that are subject by Law to bear arms, and the Number of men that have done service in the present war & the length of time they engaged for, exclusive of Alarms, and that the several Colonels on receit of such orders, issue their orders to each Captain in their respective Regiments to make return to their respective Colonels of the Number & Names of such men as aforesaid in their respective companys under oath to their faithfullness & Impartiality therein. Sent up by Mr. Lovewell.

Voted, That the late Committee of Safety of this State be & hereby are chosen & appointed a Committee of Safety for this State in the recess of the General Assembly, and untill a new Assembly takes place in this State, and that they have & exercise all the powers & authorities that they have heretofore had & exercised, within this State. Sent up by Mr. Rollins. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Major George Gains, Quarter-master & Barrack-master in the State render a just & compleat account of all Stores and materials belonging to this State now in his care and custody, & that he collect all such Stores and materials not now in his care, and render an account thereof to the Gen^{l} Assembly or Committee of Safety as soon as may be. Sent up by Capt. Harriman. [Concurred.]

Sent a messenger to Major Peter Coffin to come & declare to the house whether he accepts his appointment as Major of the Battalion of Militia now raising to reinforce our army at New York or not. Who appeared & accepted.

[P. 23.] Friday, Dec^{r}. 13th, 1776.

Voted, That Capt. Josiah Moulton be muster-master of Capt. Moses Leavitt's Company of Voluntiers now to be raised in this State to reinforce the Army at New York. Sent up by Mr. Marden.

Letter from General Schuyler.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 167.]

Saratoga, December 3^{d}, 1776.

SIR—The Term of Inlistment of the Troops that now Garrison Tyconderoga, Fort George &c. will expire on the last day of this month, and I fear they cannot be prevailed upon to remain there after that; it is therefore of the utmost Importance that troops should be expedited into this Department, the soonest possible, and agreeable to the inclosed Resolution of Congress. I do myself the honor to entreat you to order such parts of each Regiment to be raised in your State for this Department as can be got ready, to march, so as that they may arrive at Tyconderoga by the latter end of this month.

As it is impossible to prevent the Enemy from gaining Intelligence of what passes in this quarter, should the Troops now at Tyconderoga leave it before others come up to relieve them, General Carlton will doubtless take the advantage of it and possess himself of that important post, and what the consequences would be are easily conceived; I do not therefore doubt but that every exertion will be made by your State to hasten on the Troops. I am, Sir, most respectfully,

Your obedient humble servant,

PH: SCHUYLER.

Hon^{bl} President of the State
of New Hampshire.

[The aforesaid letter was referred to Mr. Rollins Maj^{r} Downing & Mr. Knowles, to answer.]

Voted, That Mrs. Abigail Odlin, widow of the Rev^{d} Mr. Woodbridge Odlin, Deceas'd have & receive out of the Treasury for his attending & praying with the Gen^{l} Assembly, part of the year past, the sum of thirty shillings, and that the President give order of payment.

[P. 24.] Voted That John Bellows Esq^{r} have & receive out of the Treasury Twelve pounds nine shillings in full for eight Guns supply'd by the town of Walpole for Capt. John Marcy's Company in Col^{o} Reed's regiment in June 1775—he to be accountable for the same to this State, or to produce the said Marcy's rec^{t} for said Guns on account of this State, & making the said Marcy accountable therefor, and that the President give order accordingly. Sent up by Dr. Miller.

Votes, Petitions, Acc^{ts} Bills &c. passed on in the house and concurred by the Council, from Dec. 5 to Dec. 13, 1776. [See Council Records.]

James Betton, paid £20 for expenses of going to Gen. Washington army, in New York.

Timothy Walker & John Gibson, all^{d} £3: 6, for journey to Watertown, Ms.

Petition of John Eaton for a review of his case before the Superiour Court—granted.

Petition of Robert Archibald—committee to hear the case.

Allowed Thomas Clough £1: 10, for carrying orders to militia officers &

Capt. Ezekiel Worthen, paid £2: 8: for going to Great Island to buy lumber for a Bridge.

A committee to report how the Captors of the Ship Prince George shall be paid their proportion.

Joseph Lamson, allo^{d} 13*s* for services as Constable.

Nathan Goss all^{d} £2: 5: 6, for building a watch-house at Rye.

Treasurer directed to sell gun locks belonging to the State to Mr. Archibald Robertson.

Benj. Giles, Esq^{r} all^{d} £12: 12: 1¾ for going to Ticonderoga, New York, &c.

Col. David Gilman, all^{d} balance of acc^{t} £5: 6: 3, for going to Ticonderoga &c.

Jon^{a} Blanchard, Esq^{r} all^{d} balance of acc^{t} £18: 0: 6, for going to Ticonderoga, &c.

Gen. Folsom, to receive £100, to buy cloathing for the army.

Do. to receive £500 to buy cloathing for the army.

Maj. George Gains, as Quarter-master, to receive £200 out of the Treasury.

Meshech Weare Esq. all^{d} 19*s*. 7d. for postage on public letters.

Iron chains, (295 lbs.,) used in fire-rafts, to be delivered to Ichabod Rollins, Esq.

Pay-roll of Capt. Samuel Atkinson, all^{d} £325: 14: 5.

Col. Jacob Bailey, all^{d} £250 to pay soldiers at Cohos.

The witnesses in Col. Asa Porter's trial all^{d} for time & travel from Cohos to Exeter, £42: 18.

Muster-roll of Capt Thomas Simpson, all^{d} & paid £199: 10.

Act to incorporate the town of Washington, formerly Camden.

Act to incorporate Marlborough, formerly New Marlborough.

Act to settle the dispute between Margaret Little & James Carnes, of Bedford.

Act for regulating the choice of County Treasurers & Recorders of Deeds.

Rev. Isaac Mansfield, all^d 30*s* for services as chaplain in the Assembly.
Gen. Folsom authorized to buy 50 bushels of salt for the State.
Rev. Daniel Rogers, all^d 60*s* for services as Chaplain in the Assembly.
Acc^t of Simeon Ladd, pd. £4: 17: 7¼
Act to prevent the spreading of Small Pox.
John Rice, all^d £2: 18: 6. for an anchor lost in the public service.
Dr. Jackson Hall all^d £23: 3: 7½ for medicines &c.
James Rundlet, door keeper, pd. £3: 0: 6.
Balance of Capt. Thomas Simpson's acct. pd. £6: 14: 0.

Voted, That this House (having finished the Business of this Session) be and hereby is Dissolved.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 185.]

In Congress, December 11, 1776.

Whereas, the Just War into which the United States of America have been forced by Great Britain, is likely to be still continued by the same violence and Injustice which have hitherto Animated the Enemies of American Freedom: And, whereas it becomes all Public Bodies, as well as private persons, to reverence the Providence of God, and look up to Him as the Supreme Disposer of all events, and the Arbiter of the Fate of Nations: Therefore the Congress hereby

Resolve, That it be recommended to all the States, as soon as possible to appoint a Day of Solemn Fasting and Humiliation, to implore of Almighty God Forgivness of the many sins prevailing among all Ranks, and to beg the countenance and Assistance of his Providence in the Prosecution of this just and Necessary War. The Congress do also in the most earnest manner recommend to all the Members of the United States, and particularly to the officers Civil and Military under them, the Exercise of Repentance and Reformation; and further, do require of the said officers of the Military Department, the Strict observation of the Articles of War in general, and particularly that of said Articles which forbids Profane Swearing and all other Immoralities; of which, all such officers are desired to take notice. It is left to each State to Issue out Proclamations fixing the Day, that appears most proper for their several bounds.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

Letter from Jn^o Man, a prisoner at Amherst.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 187.]

Amherst 11th Dec^r. 1776.

GOOD SIR—

Leaving Exeter sooner than I expected, I omitted calling on you to know if a line to this Committee concerning the Limits of the Indulgence granted me, would be necessary. I am One of the Prisoners limited to Six miles at Exeter, and on application, you Sir, in Conjunction with several others Gen^{ts} of the Com^{tee} permitted me to be Stationed here with my Father, restricted the Same as tho' I had remained at Exeter; Since my arrival here, finding a few individuals dissatisfied at the freedom I took of walking out, have by Mr. Barker's advice, continued almost wholly within doors, not willing to give offence or cause of unease to any one.

Please therefore, Sir, to certifie by a line to the Committee of this place, or acquaint the Bearer Mr. Barker of the indulgence you were pleased to grant me, and your favour will be duly acknowledged, by

Sir, your obedt Servt,

JN^o^ MAN.

Coll. Wier, Chairman of the
Hon^ble^ Committee, Exeter.

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to New Hampshire delegates in Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 195.]

Exeter, Decem^br^ 16^th^, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—

By order of the General Assembly I transmit a resolve of theirs, inclosed in the Letter to the Pres^t^, and desire your attention in getting the money forwarded as soon as possible, as our Treasury is nearly empty. The plenty of paper money and the depreciation thereof has such an effect, we are fearful of making more. Very considerable Quantities of Shoes, Leather-Breeches, and some other articles can be procured here, and if the Sum of money requested can be augmented I think it may be laid out for cloathing here.

Great Sums has been advanced to the Militia Sent to Ticonderoga, New York, &c. Six hundred are now raising to march in a few days for New York, in consequence of a request of Gen^l^ Lee. Such has been the hurry and amazing Difficulties we have had to wade thro' (many of which you are well acquainted with) has hitherto hindered Our Acc^ts^ from being forwarded, but they are now considerable forward. Some few outstanding Acc^ts^ here only hindering; and as upon a hasty reflection upon the numbers we have raised, supplied &c. it will appear that a very large Sum is due to us, if some can be transmitted it would now put us in a situation of going forward in the General Defence much better than otherwise we can do.

No money can be procured here for the Continental Bank, or any other under 6 per cent. and indeed I think no great Sum for that. Privateering, buying up prize Cargoes and monopolizing them at any price seems to be the attention of the mercantile part who havé the money in their hands.

I enclose you an Address of Several Towns in the County of Grafton to the people at large (fabricated I suppose at Dartmouth College) and calculated to Stir up contention & animosities among us at this difficult time: Especially as our Government is only temporary & the State of matters not allowing a Revisal. However this Pamphlet with the assiduity of the College Gentlemen, has had such an effect that almost the whole County of Grafton, if not the whole, have refused to send members to the new Assembly which is to meet next Wednesday.

(Copy) [In hand writing of Meshech Weare, Esq.]

NOTE. The editor has not been able to find the particular pamphlet above referred to, but its general import may be inferred from the proceedings of the several towns, which follow:

State of NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Government and People of said State to the Selectmen of HANOVER, *in said State, greeting:*

You are hereby required to notify the legal inhabitants paying taxes in the towns of *Hanover, Canaan*, and *Cardigan* (giving them fifteen days notice,) to meet at some convenient place in your town, to elect one person, having a real estate of the value of two hundred pounds lawful money in this State, to represent them in the Assembly, to be held at *Exeter*, on the third *Wednesday* in *December* next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and to empower such Representative, for the term of one year from their first meeting, to transact such business and pursue such measures as they may judge necessary for the publick good. And the person who shall be elected you are to notify that he attend at time and place afore-mention'd.

And at said meeting each voter, as aforesaid, on one paper, is to bring in votes for one person, being a reputable freeholder and inhabitant within your County, having a real estate of two hundred pounds to serve as members of the Council for the year ensuing.

And the Clerk of your town is hereby directed to seal up all such votes under cover, and send them to the house of Mr *Green*, in *Wentworth*, in your County, by the second *Wednesday* in *December* next, directed to *Francis Worcester, Charles Johnson*, and *Abel Chandler*, a Committee appointed to receive them.

And it is *Resolved*, That no person be allowed a seat in Council o Assembly, who shall, by himself or any person for him, before said choice, treat with liquor, &c., any elector, with an apparent view of gaining their votes, or afterwards on that account.

And make return of this writ, with your doings thereon, into the Secretary's Office at *Exeter*, by the third Wednesday in *December* next.

M. WEARE, *President.*
P. WHITE, *Speaker.*

By order of the Council and Assembly:

E. Thompson, *Secretary.*

Exeter, September 30, 1776.

Hanover, November 27, 1776.

Pursuant to the within precept, we notified the inhabitants paying taxes in the town of *Hanover, Canaan*, and *Cardigan*, to meet at the Meeting-house in said Hanover this day, for the purposes within mentioned, who being met passed the following Votes, viz:

1st *Voted unanimously*, That the Address of the inhabitants of this and other towns, to the people of the several towns through this Colony, published by their Committee in *July* last, is truly expressive of our sentiments respecting representation, and the unconstitutional formation and procedures of the present Assembly of this State.

2d. *Voted unanimously*, That we will not Choose a Representative, as directed in the precept issued by the Assembly of this State, for the o wing reasons, viz:

1. Because no plan of representation is as yet formed in this State consistent with the liberties of a free people, in that the people have not universally had a full representation in any Assembly since the State was declared independent of the Crown of *Great Britain*, by which declaration we conceive that the powers of Government reverted to the

people at large, and, of course, annihilated the political existence of the Assembly which then was; notwithstanding which they have since presumed to act in the name of the people, and in their precept undertake to prescribe and limit the mode of proceedure in our choice of a Representative, while it does not appear that they are to be chosen for the purpose of recognizing the rights of the people and assuming such Government as shall be agreeable to them, though nothing of that nature has at any time been done in this State, except a plan formed by the Representatives of a part of this State, by which the whole rights of the people are assumed by that House.

2. Because the precept, in consequence of which this meeting was called, is inconsistent with the liberties of a free people, in that it directs to have different corporate towns (who have a right to act by themselves in all cases) to unite for the purpose of Choosing a Representative and Counsellor.

3. Because it limits us in our choice to a person who has real estate of two hundred pounds, lawful money; whereas we conceive that there ought to be no pecuniary restriction, but that every elector is Capable to be elected.

3d. *Voted unanimously*, That the Selectmen be directed to make return of the foregoing vote, with the reasons annexed, together with the precept, to the Assembly proposed to be held at *Exeter*, on the third *Wednesday* in *December* next.

4th. *Voted unanimously*, That we will not give in our votes for a Counsellor as directed in the precept.

1. Because we can see no important end proposed by their creation, unless to negative the proceedings of the House of Representatives, which we humbly Conceive ought not to be done in a free State.

2. Because every elector ought to have a voice in the choice of each Counsellor (in Cases where they are needful) and not be restricted in his Choice to any particular limits within the State. For which reason we protest against any Counsellor being chosen in this County as directed in the precept.

5th *Voted unanimously*, That the Clerk be directed to make return of the last Vote with the reasons annexed, and our Protest, as the precept directs, relative to vote for a Counsellor.

6th *Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

And it was accordingly dissolved.

Attest: ICHABOD FOWLER,
THOMAS DURKEE,
Selectmen of Hanover.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lyme, legally warned, and convened at the house of *Ebenezer Green* Esq., on *Monday* the 25th of *November*, and Continued by adjournment to *Monday*, the 2d of December inst:

1st *Voted*, that the pamphlet lately published by the Committee of the towns of *Lyme*, *Hanover*, Lebanon, and *Plainfield*, is truly expressive of our sentiments on Representation, and the unconstitutional formation and proceedings of the present Assembly.

2d. *Voted*, That we cannot comply with the precept issued to this town, in Conjunction with five other towns, for choosing a Representative, for the reasons following, viz: Because the present plan of

Representation is entirely inconsistent with a free State, where every corporate town hath an undoubted right to act for themselves in choosing a member of the Legislative body; because the elections are limited to persons of £200, lawful money real estate, for their choice, whereas every elector in free States is capable of being elected.

3d. *Voted*, That the Clerk be directed to make return of our reasons for our non-compliance, to the proposed Assembly that is to sit at *Exeter*, on the third *Wednesday* of *December* next.

Voted, That we cannot comply with the direction to the choice of a Counsellor in manner proposed in the precept, for the reasons following: First, Because that in every free State the people have an undoubted right to their voice in the choice of the whole Council, either by themselves or their Representatives; secondly, because we cannot see any good proposed by confining the electors to certain limits within the State for their choice.

3d. *Voted*, That the Clerk be directed to make return of our reasons for non-compliance to the Committee appointed for the receiving of the votes for a Counsellor, and also to enter a protest against the choice.

Test: JONA. CHILD, Town Clerk.

The reason why we do not join with the towns of *Unity*, *Acworth*, *Lempster*, *Saville*, *Croydon*, and Newport, as we did last year, in choosing a Representative, is this, viz: Then we supposed they was to act only upon the present exigencies of the Government; but now the case is much altered. The honorable Continental Congress has declared their independence of *Great Britain;* therefore we think that the present Assembly has not taken right methods in issuing out their precepts for the choice of Representatives and Counsellors for the year ensuing; for, in the first place, they have, as to Representative in some incorporated towns, allowed two or three Representatives; to others they have joined five or six towns together, whereas we think every incorporated town ought to be represented by themselves. Then, as to Counsellors, in one County they have ordered five, in some two, and in one County but one, which we look upon not according to liberty; for as this State is but one body, we think they ought to be chose by the people at large. And also they have ordered that neither of these shall have a seat in the Assembly without they have real estate to the value of two hundred pounds, lawful money; whereas we think every lawful elector is a subject to be elected.

Voted, That the above reasons be sent to the Council and Assembly of this State, which is to convene together at *Exeter*, the third *Wednesday* of this instant, and that the Town Clerk shall sign it in behalf of the town.

This done at a legal town meeting, *Acworth*, December 9th, 1776.

THOMAS PUTNAM, *Moderator*.

A true copy, Attest: Sam'l Silsby, *Town Clerk*.

To the honourable Council and Assembly of the Colony of NEW HAMPSHIRE *to be convened and assembled at* EXETER *on the third* WEDNESDAY OF DECEMBER *instant*.

The petition of the inhabitants of the towns of *Marlow*, *Alstead*, and

Surry, humbly showeth; That whereas it is the advice and direction of the Continental Congress relative to the assuming Civil Government in this Colony, have advised and directed the Provincial Congress of this Colony, previous to their assuming a form of Civil Government, that they at their Convention do grant warrants for a full and free election of Representatives in this Colony; and whereas various coupling of various towns together in the western parts of Colony, and allowing but one Representative to a coupling, and we being differently treated from the major parts of this Colony, who are allowed a Representative to each town; and whereas the towns of *Marlow*, *Alstead* and *Surry*, are towns incorporated with all invariable privileges and immunities that any other towns do or may enjoy in this Colony, and being thus coupled together, as aforesaid, are abridged or curtailed of the privilege of each individual town electing a Representative, which we humbly conceive cannot be construed to be a full and free election or representation of the said Colony, agreeable to the advice of the Continental Congress above recited; we, therefore, your humble petitioners, would beseech the honourable Council and House of Representatives, that previous to the further pursuing the plan of Civil Government, that there may warrants be granted for a full and free election or representation of each of the individual towns above-mentioned, pursuant to the advice of the Continental Congress aforesaid; thus shall your humble petitioners, as in duty bound, ever pray.

SAM^l GUSTIN, WOOLSTON BROCKWAY,
ABSALOM KINGSBURY, JONATHAN SMITH,
Committee from Marlow, Alstead and Surry.

Dated Colony of *New Hampshire*, *Marlow*, *December* 11th, A. D. 1776.

To Mr. MICHAEL CREASY, REPRESENTATIVE *for the Town of* CHESTERFIELD, *in the State of* NEW HAMPSHIRE:

SIR : Whereas it having pleased Almighty God to humble the people of this land, by permitting the tyrant of *Great Britain* and his minions, in the fulness of their rage, to prevail against them by subverting the civil constitution of every Province in his late *American* dominions, affecting thereby the activity of law and justice, and the introduction of vice and profaneness, attended with domestick confusion, and all the calamities attendant on a dissolution of the power of Civil Government, which, in this alarming progress, have made it absolutely necessary for each State to separate itself from that land from whence their forefathers were exiled by the cruel hand of tyranny, and to form for itself, under the Ruler of all the earth, such plans of Civil Government as the people thereof should think most conducive to their own safety and advantage: Notwithstanding the importance of an equitable system of Government, as it affects ourselves and our posterity, we are brought to the disagreeable necessity of declaring, that it is our candid opinion that the State of *New Hampshire*, instead of forming an equitable plan of Government, conducing to the peace and safety of the State, have been influenced by the iniquitous intrigues and secret designations of persons unfriendly, to settle down upon the dregs of Monarchical and Aristocratical tyranny, in imitation of their late *British* oppressor. We can by no means imagine ourselves so far lost to a sense to the natural rights and immunities of ourselves and our fellow men, as to imagine that the State can be either safe or happy under a constitution formed without the knowledge or particular authority of a great part of its inhabitants; a constitution which no man knows the contents of, except that the whole Legislative power of the State is to be entirely vested in the will and pleasure of a House of Representatives, and that chosen according to the sovereign determination of their own will, by allowing to some towns sundry voices in the said House, others but one, and others none; and in a Council of twelve men, five of which are always to be residents of *Rockingham* County, who by the assistance of two others of said Council, have the power of a casting voice in all State affairs.

Thus we see the important affairs of the State liable to be converted to the advantage of a small part of the State, and the emolument of its offices, by reason of the other part of the State not having an equal or equitable share in the Government to counterbalance the designs of the other. You are therefore authorized and instructed to exert yourself to the utmost to procure a redress of the afore-mentioned grievances, and in case they will not comply, to return home for further instructions.

SOLOMON HARVEY, *per order Com.*

Chesterfield, December ye 12th, 1776.

The inhabitants of the Towns of Haverhill, Lyman, Bath, Gunthwait, Landaff and Morristown.

At a meeting legally warned, in Consequence of a precept from the Assembly at *Exeter*, for the purpose of Choosing a Representative, as also to give in their votes for a Counsellor for the County of *Grafton*, having refused a Compliance with said precept, have chosen us, the subscribers, a Committee to return the precept, together with the reasons of their non-compliance; which reasons are as follows, viz:

First. Because no plan of Representation has yet been found in this State consistent with the liberties of a free people; and it is our humble opinion, that when the Declaration of Independency took place, the Colonies were absolutely in a state of nature, and the powers of Government reverted to the people at large, and of Consequence annihilated the political existence of the Assembly which then was.

Secondly. Because the precept directs to have a number of different towns (who have an undoubted right to act by themselves separately) to unite for the purpose of Choosing a Representative and Counsellor.

Thirdly. Because we are limited in our Choice of a Representative to a person who has a real estate of two hundred pounds, lawful money; whereas we Conceive that every elector is capable of being elected.

Fourthly. Because that no Bill of Rights has been drawn up, or form of Government Come into, agreeable to the minds of the people of this State, by any Assembly peculiarly chosen for that purpose, since the Colonies were declared independent of the Crown of *Great Britain*.

Fifthly. We refuse to give our votes for a Counsellor, because we Conceive that in a free State there ought not to be a Council invested with the power to negative the proceedings of the House of Representatives.

Sixthly. Because if a Council is necessary, every elector ought to

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have a voice in the Choice of each Counsellor, and not to be restricted to any particular limits within this State.

For which reasons we protest against a Counsellor being Chosen in this County, as directed in the precept.

EPHRAIM WESSON, ELISHA CLEVELAND,
JOHN YOUNG, JAMES BAILEY,
JOHN CLARK, *Committee.*

Haverhill, December 13th, 1776.

Letter from Geo. Measam—Commissary of Cloathing.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. V. p. 199.]

Ticonderoga, December 15th, 1776.

SIR—"The Congress having done me the honor of appointing me Commissary of Cloathing for the Northern Army, it is therefore my duty to send for your Government a Return of Cloathing wanted for the Troops in this Department. But as I have not the Detail of the Troops each State will furnish for this Department in the Spring, I cannot at present furnish you with a particular Return of cloathing wanted from your State nor have I yet been able to complete the Regulation of this office, &c.

"I beg leave to transmit for your Government a Copy of the Resolve of Congress relative to the establishment of this office, and am with all regard, Yours & the publick's most Obed^t^ Serv^t^

GEO. MEASAM."

To the Hon^bl^ President of the
Assembly of New Hampshire.

Resolves of Congress.

Resolved, That a Commissary of Cloathing be appointed to each of the Armies of the United States, whose duty shall be to make Constant returns to the Assemblies or Conventions of the respective States, of the Cloathing wanted for their Several Regiments, to receive and pay for the same, to deliver it to the Paymasters of the respective Regiments to be by them distributed to the non-commissioned Officers & Soldiers and deducted from their wages respectively, unless allowed as a bounty by order of Congress.

Resolved, That George Measam Esq^r^ be Commissary of Cloathing for the Northern Army.

Letter from Gen. Washington, relating to the exchange of prisoners of war.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 209.]

Camp above Trenton Falls
Dec^r^ 22^d^, 1776.

GENT^n^—

The accounts received from New York respecting the distresses of our prisoners induce me to recommend to your Hon^bl^ body, that measures should be taken to effect an Exchange as soon as possible & as far as circumstances will admit of. Ever since the Cartel has been settled between Gen. Howe & myself, I have been endeavoring to accomplish it; but my attempts have not been attended with but little success. For the prisoners belonging to the British army and who have been sent from Jersey, Pennsylvania & Maryland, Gen^{l} Howe or rather his Commissary has undertaken of his mere motion & contrary to my express requisition, to return a number belonging to us, who were not called for, and whose releasement should have been postponed till after that of others—I have wrote to Gen^{l} Howe upon the subject, & presume in further, that none will be sent out, but those who are named by me. That this business may not remain an object of further delay, I would advise, that all the prisoners in your State be immediately sent to the commanding officer of the British Troops on the Island of Rhode Island, taking two exact Lists of the names, corps & Ranks of the officers, and the number of privates, signed by the officer of the highest rank: One to be sent with him accompanied by a line to Gen^{l} Howe, that the particular prisoners belonging to us & to be received in exchange, will be required by me: to which end, I must request, that the other List be immediately transmitted to me, that the requisition may be made.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Gent^{n} your most obed^{t} serv^{t}
G:^{o} WASHINGTON.

[Committee of New Hampshire]

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 25.] State of New Hampshire } At a Convention of the members of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, begun & held at Exeter on Wednesday, the 18 Dec^{r} 1776:

The members generally met & the President & Secretary came into the House, and the President administered to the returned members the Necessary Oath of Qualification and then retired: Whereupon the House proceeded to Choose a chairman, and Joseph Badger Esq^{r} was chosen. Then the house proceeded to choose a Speaker, And the Ballots being taken it appeared that John Langdon, Esq^{r} was elected Speaker, who took the Chair accordingly.

Then adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

State of New Hampshire.

A List of the Members returned to sit in the Hon^{bl} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at Exeter on Wednesday the 18th day of December, A. D. 1776.

[Copied from MS. Vol. in Sec^{ys} office.]

Towns & Places.	Names of Members.
Portsmouth	Hon. John Langdon, Speaker.
"	Geo: Gains, Esq^{r}
"	John Pickering, Esq.
Exeter	Sam^{l} Gilman, jun. Esq^{r}
"	Tho^{s} Odiorne
Londonderry	Moses Barnett, Esq^{r}
"	John Bell, Esq^{r}
Chester	John Webster, Esq^{r}
"	Rob^{t} Wilson, Esq^{r}
Greenland	Josh^{a} Hains,
Newington	Rich^{d} Downing Esq^{r}
New Castle	—— ——
Rye	Nathan Goss

Hampton	Josiah Moulton, Esq^{r}
North Hampton	Dr. Levi Dearborn
Hampton Falls & Seabrook	Henry Robie
Southampton & Newton	Stephen Bartlett,
Kensington	Ebenezer Potter
Stratham	Benj^{a} Barker
New Market	Sam^{l} Gilman
Epping	Josiah Norris
Brintwood	Sam^{l} Dudley
Poplin & Raymond	John Dudley, Esq^{r}
Nottingham	Tho^{s} Bartlett.
Deerfield & Northwood,	Jere: Eastman
Epsom, Chichester &c.	—— ——
Pembroke	Jacob Emery
Concord	[*Timothy Walker*, jun. (1)]
Canterbury & Loudon,	Thomas Clough
Pelham	James Gibson
Salem	Jon^{a} Wheeler
Plastow & Atkinson,	Nat^{h} Peabody
Kingston & E. Kingston,	Sam^{l} Philbrick,
Sandown & Hawke,	Jethro Sanborn
Hampstead	Samuel Little
Candia,	Sam^{l} Moore
Bow & Dunbarton,	John Bryant
Dover	Stephen Evans Esq^{r}
"	Jn^{o} Wentworth, jun.
Durham	John Smith
Summersworth,	Paul Wentworth
Rochester,	James Knowles
Barrington,	Joshua Foss
Madbury	John Demeritt, Esq^{r}
Lee,	Joseph Sias, Esq^{r}
Gilmanton & Barnstead,	Jos: Badger, Esq^{r}
Sanbornton & Meredith,	Eben^{r} Smith, Esq^{r}
Leavittston, Wakefield, &c.	Simeon Dearborn
Sandwich, Tamworth, &c.	[Jona Moulton, (4th June)]
New Durham, &c. &c	—— ——
Amherst	Moses Nichols
"	Peter Woodbury
Dunstable	—— ——
Holles	Stephen Ames
Weare	—— ——
Hopkinton	—— ——
Salisbury & Boscawen,	Matt^{w} Pettingale
Mason & Raby	Amos Dakin,
New Ipswich	—— ——
Temple & Peterborough	Fran^{s} Blood,
Litchfield & Nottingham W.	Asa Davis, Esq^{r}
Merrimac & Bedford	—— ——
Derryfield & Goffstown,	John Goffe, Esq^{r}
Wilton, Lyndeborough, &c.	Fran^{s} Epes

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(1) Timothy Walker, jun., was chosen to represent Concord, but Gordon Hutchins appears in the list next March.—Ed.

Hillsboro', Heneker, &c.	Jos: Simonds
New Briton, Warner, &c.	Francis Davis
Charleston	[David Taylor, 12th Mar.]
Keen	Timothy Ellis
Walpole	Chrisr Webber
Westmoreland	Ebenr Brittin
Richmond	Oliver Capron
Winchester	Reuben Alexander
Claremont	Elihu Stevens
Hinsdale & Chesterfield	Michael Cressey
Marlow, Surry &c.	Obadiah Wilcocks
Swanzey & F. William,	—— ——
Dublin & Monadnock, No. 5,	Jos: Greenwood
Stoddard, Packersfield &c.	Jos: Rounceval
Rindge, Jaffrey &c.	—— ——
Cornish. Plainfield, &c.	—— ——
Unity, Acworth, &c. &c.	Benja Giles, Esqr
Plimouth, Alexandria, &c.	—— ——
Rumney, Holderness &c.	Daniel Brainard Esqr
Lancaster, Northumberland, &c.	Jos: Whipple.

NOTE. No other Towns were represented.—ED.

[Present at the first Session of the Council, March 18, 1776.

The Honbl Meshech Weare, Esqr Josiah Bartlett, Esqr Nicholas Gilman, Esqr George King, Esqr	For Rockingham.
John Wentworth, Esqr Ebenezer Thompson, Esqr	For Strafford.
Jona Blanchard, Esqr Matthew Patten, Esqr	For Hillsboro'

The Honble Timothy Walker, Esq one of the members for Rockingham, not come in.]

Thursday, December 19th 1776.

Voted, That Noah Emery Esqr be and hereby is elected Clerk of this house, who was sworn in the house by the President of the Council accordingly.

Voted to choose a Comtee of this House to join a Comtee of the Board to Examine into the State of the Treasury & report thereon as soon as may be And that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Wilson & Capt. Blood be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Whipple. [Concurred. Messrs. King, Wentworth, Blanchard & Thompson added.]

Voted, That Mr. John Smith be the Assistant Clerk of the House.

Voted, To choose a Comtee of three Persons of this State to repair to Providence in the State of Rhode Island, with full power in conjunction with the other New England States to lay a Plan for settling an Army of sufficient force there, and that Gen^{l} Nath^{l} Folsom, Philips White Esq^{r} and Col^{o} Supply Clapp be the Committee of this State for that purpose. Sent up by Maj. Gains. [Concurred.] (See preceding letters.)

[Correspondence relating to affairs in Rhode Island.

Letter from Gov. Cooke of Rhode Island to the General Assembly, New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 191.]

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations.
In General Assembly, Providence, Decemb^{r} 13, 1776.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN—

We have not as yet perfect Intelligence of the force of the Enemy upon Rhode Island, but by the best accounts we have been able to collect, their number does not exceed eight nor fall short of Five thousand men.

The militia of the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut with a Spirit and an ardor that does them Honor, have march'd to our Assistance; and with the militia of this State Amount to between Six and seven Thousand, who are at present posted in many different places round the Bay, but without Form, not having a leader, nor any general plan of offence or defence.

In this Situation of affairs, being sensible that although the Blow hath first fallen upon us, the Safety of New England, and perhaps the Fate of America depends upon establishing an army with the utmost expedition, Capable of opposing that Body of the Enemy which hath taken possession of Rhode Island and fully convinced that the authority of this State will prove inadequate to the giving Form to and regulating an Army collected from the different States, and to the directing of their operations, we have appointed a Council of War, with full power to exert the force of this State in concurrence with Committees that may be appointed from the other New England States, on the necessary measures for the common Defence &c.

We transmit you by Express a Copy of the vote not doubting your immediate Attention to this most important object, and the most vigorous exertions of the powers of your State for the publick Safety.

We are, Honorable Gentlemen, your most
Obed^{t} hum^{bl} Serv^{t},
RICH^{d} COOKE.

Signed at the request and in behalf of
the General Assembly.

P. S. The Legislature of this State have appointed a Committee to draft a Bill for fixing the price of necessaries for the army and the inhabitants, as we have intelligence the State of Connecticut have done, and we hope your State will enter into a like measure.

Hon^{ble} General Assembly of
the State of New Hampshire.

Resolution of Rhode Island relating to a Council of War.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 195.]

December 13th, 1776.

To the House of Magistrates:

GENT.

Whereas a large Body of the Enemy have taken possession of the Island of Rhode Island and are endeavoring to penetrate the Country, so that it is become necessary for the Public utility of this State that a Council of War be immediately appointed: Therefore,

Voted and *Resolved*—That his Honor the Governor his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Honble Stephen Hopkins Esquire, Ambrose Page, Esquire, Mr. John Tanner, John Dexter, Esquire, the Honble Joshua Babcock Esquire, Mr. Cromel Child, the Honbl William Greene, Esquire, and Henry Ward Esquire, be and they are hereby appointed a Council of War; that they or the major part of them be fully empowered to do, act, and transact, all and every thing and matter for the well being and security of this State and the United States in general: That they make and ordain all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the well governing, Ordering, Disciplining, Cloathing and Supplying the army now raised or to be raised by this State, and the other Neighboring States in conjunction (if such an army should be raised) as to them shall seem Right and Just.

And that all such Rules, Orders & Regulations by them made in the recess of the General Assembly shall be of as full force and authority to all intents and purposes as though made and passed by this General Assembly.

Voted & passed.

Pr. Order, J. Lyndon, Cler.

In the Upper House, Read
the same day & concurred.

Pr. order. R. J. Helme, Secy, pro Temp.

(A true Copy.)

[Agreeably to the foregoing, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, were invited to appoint Committees to meet at Providence, 23d December, 1776, to confer on the matters proposed. See State Pap. Vol. V. p. 197.—ED.]

Hon. Meshech Weare, in Answer to Gov. Cooke of R. I.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 207.]

State of New Hampshire, Exeter, Decembr 19th, 1776.

SIR—

I received yours of the 13th Inst. And laid the Same before our General Assembly (at their first meeting), this day. In consequence of which a Committee is appointed to repair immediately to Providence, and there to Act in conjunction with the Committees from the other N. E. States on such matters as may be by them tho't necessary for the defence of your State.

I am, Sir, with all respt yr h. Servt,

M. W. Prest.

(Copy)

Gov. Cooke.

[P. 26.] Voted and Resolved, That any vessel or vessels be permitted to go Coastwise from the Port of Piscataqua to any port or ports in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, under the usual Legal restrictions, provided they carry no Provisions or Warlike stores. Sent up by Maj. Gains. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Com'tee of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board to consider of and make report upon sundry complaints & Petitions exhibited to this house by sundry Persons sent prisoners to this State from the State of New York, and that John Dudley Esq^r^ Rob^t^ Wilson, Esq^r^ John Bell, Esq^r^ John Wentworth, Esq^r^ & Mr. Knowles be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Dudley. [Concurred—Messrs. King, Wentworth & Blanchard added.]

Friday, Dec^r^ 20^th^, 1776.

Voted To choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board to draw up Instructions for the Com^tee^ chosen yesterday to repair to Providence, and that John Dudley Esq^r^ Mr. Wentworth & Mr. Whipple be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Sam^l^ Gilman. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Blanchard added.]

[P. 27.] Voted, To choose a Committee of Nine of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^ble^ Board to consider of & make report upon the matters of the Petition of a Number of Committees of sundry towns in the Massachusetts State and in this State concerning the regulation of Trade &c. And that Mr. Gibson, Col^o^ Badger, Capt. Moulton, Col^o^ Peabody, Capt. Alexander, Capt. Symonds, Mr. Bell, Maj^r^ Gains, Mr. Knowles, be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Knowles. [Concurred—Mr. King, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Wentworth, & Mr. Patten added.]

Voted, That a Precept issue from this house (to be sign'd by the Speaker,) to each of the Several towns & Districts in this State, where they have chosen representatives, who decline the Service, or whose representatives, have been advanced to the Council to send a Representative to this Assembly, in the room & stead of Such who so decline or are so advanced.

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Gilman, Capt. Josiah Gilman and Mr. John Taylor Gilman be and hereby are appointed a Committee of Claims to receive and Examine all claims against this State and report thereon to this house, and that they meet on every Wednesday & Thursday after this week, during the sitting of this Court, and during the sitting of the Committee of Safety, on every Wednesday in the recess of the Court, and that they cause the days of their meeting to be published in the Exeter Chronicle, and that they attend that service this day & tomorrow, and that they be under oath to the faithful discharge of that trust. [Concurred Dec. 25th.]

Voted, That the Honble Josiah Bartlett, Esq. be appointed one of the Committee of this State to repair to Providence in the room & Stead of Phillips White Esqr. who was appointed yesterday but declines the service.

Voted, That Genl Folsom, Colo Bartlett & Colo Clapp have & receive out of the Treasury One hundred Dollars, to be by them Accounted for, and the President give Order accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 28.] Saturday, Decemr 21st, 1776.

The Committee of both Houses on the petitions of the Prisoners from New York made report as on file, which was read & accepted—and thereupon,

Voted, That Joseph Gage, Elias Doty & Timothy Closson, three of the said Prisoners, have leave to Depart this State to proceed to the State of New York on Munday, 30th day of Decr Currt. & be permitted to be absent six weeks & no longer, they giving security for their return to this State at the expiration of that time; That they in the mean time give notice to the other Prisoners, of the day of their departure, in order that they may send by them for any Supplies, and that the said Gage, Doty and Closson do absolutely & Bona fide depart on said day and take from the Council, Assembly or Committee of Safety, a Pass to carry them to the State of New York. Sent up by Mr. Betton. [Concurred.]

Copy of a Letter to William Duer, Esq. Chairman of Committee in New York,—relating to prisoners, Sent to this State.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 237.]

Exeter, December 27th, 1776.

SIR—The prisoners sent from your State have been received here &

disposed of agreeable to the Resolutions of your Committee & the advice of Mr. Benson sent from you. Great uneasiness prevails among them & their clamours of being sent here without an examination at home, and consciousness of their innocence which they assert, has had considerable influence among the People in these parts in their behalf. Three of the Prisoners of the number of those not directed to be confined in Goal have liberty to return to New York: viz. Timothy Closson, Joseph Gage and Elias Doty, to provide necessaries for themselves & other prisoners here, & to return in 6 weeks unless they have license from the Convention of New York or your Committee to remain at home. And as a great number of them make such protestations of their not being Sensible of their having ever given any Occasion for any person to Suppose them unfriendly to the American cause, we wish an Impartial Enquiry might be made into their characters, and if any appear innocent who was taken up and sent from their homes in the Confusion and unavoidable hurry that you was involved in at that time, that an order may be sent for their discharge. Some of the persons who had the liberty of providing their own lodgings have eloped; the number & names we cannot transmit, as this letter is wrote to be forwarded by a person ordered to Philadelphia on urgent business, & cannot be detained. However, one John Vandeburgh Esq^r, is among the number—many more we expect will follow their example. The five hundred dollars Sent by your State is expended and a considerable sum advanced to Support the prisoners in Goal, which amount to near Seventy, and necessaries for some others who appear poor and naked, tho' not in prison. As our Treasury is empty & cant be soon supplied within ourselves, it would very much Assist us at this time to have such a sum transmitted from you as you think adequate to support the Prisoners while they may tarry here, or at least for some time. I am, &c. [Probably Mr. Weare]

William Duer, Esq. Chairman of
Committee &c.

[P. 29.] The remonstrance of the Town of Sandwich against the Election of Jonathan Moulton, Esq. as a representative for the Towns of Sandwich, Moultonborough & Tamworth, being read & considered, Voted, That a new Precept be sent to the Selectmen of Sandwich to cause a Representative to be elected to represent the said several Towns in the General Assembly now Setting in Exeter.

Voted, That Dr. Peter Green of Concord be Surgeon to the Regiment under the command of Col^o David Gilman. [Concurred.]

Letter from Dr. Peter Green.

Concord, 22^d Dec. 1776.

Sr—I this day received your Epistle, am oblig'd to you for the good opinion you have been pleased to entertain of me in desiring my company in the present Campaign: but must return for answer, that my Domestic Affairs (whatever my inclination might be) would be a sufficient Bar to my acceptance, from your Humb^l Serv^t,

Peter Green.

Monday, Dec. 23^d^, 1776.

[P. 30.] Voted Col^o^ Asa Porter be advertised, and that a Com^tee^ be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^ble^ Board to report a proper Draught of the advertisement, and also what reward shall be given him or them that shall apprehend said Porter & bring him before this House, and that Mr. Gibson, Mr. Ellis, Doct^r^ Dearborn be the Committee of this house for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Clough. [Concurred—Messrs. Wentworth & Blanchard joined.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to consider of the expediency of Distributing the State's Powder amongst the several Towns in this State, and how & in what manner the same shall be done, and to report thereon as soon as may be, and that Maj^r^ Gains, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Potter, Sam^l^ Gilman Esq^r^ Mr. Peabody, Capt. Alexander, Capt. Barnett, Mr. Wilson, Col. Goffe, Capt. Pettingale, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dakin, Mr. Greenwood, Capt. Webber, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Stephens, & Mr. Brainard be the Com^tee^ of this House for that purpose. Sent up by Mr. Peabody. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman and Mr. Patten, added.]

[P. 31.] Voted, That Col. Israel Morey, and Col^o^ Timothy Bedel be sent for to attend the General Assembly on the 2^d^ Wednesday of the next session of this Assembly to account for the monies by them severally received out of the Treasury. [Concurred.]

Voted, That all persons who have received the Publick monies out of the Treasury of this State be called upon to lay their accounts of Expenditures of the same before the Committee on Claims at Exeter as soon as may be, and that the Secretary cause this vote to be advertised in the several Publick Newspapers in this State as soon as may be, that all such Persons may be without excuse. [Concurred.]

Voted, to choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to nominate six persons to this house, out of whom to choose two delegates to represent this State in the Hon^bl^ Continental Congress for one year next ensuing, and that Mr. John Wentworth jun. Col. Badger, John Dudley Esq. Col^o^ Goffe, & Mr. Speaker be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King & Wentworth added.]

Voted to choose a Committee of five from this House to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to take under consideration all Petitions & remonstrances from any of the Prisoners in this State from the State of New York and any other Petitions of the like nature, and report thereon, and that John Dudley Esq^r^ Samuel Gilman Esq^r^ Col^o^ Peabody, Mr. Odiorne & Maj^r^ Philbrick be the Com^tee^ of this House for that purpose. [Concurred.]

[P. 32.] On report of the Com^tee^ to nominate Delegates to the Continental Congress:

Voted That Col^o^ William Whipple & Col^o^ Josiah Bartlett & Col^o^ Matthew Thornton, be and hereby are Elected & appointed Delegates to represent the State of New Hampshire in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia for the term of one year from the 23^d^ day of January next, and that any one of them in the absence of the others have full power to represent this State, and that no more than two of them attend at one time. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee of this House, to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to prepare and bring in a Bill against Treason & misprision of treason & for regulating Trials in such cases, and for Directing the mode of Executing Judgments against persons attainted of Felony,—and that Wm. Parker Esq^r^ John Pickering Esq^r^ & John Wentworth, jun. Esq^r^ be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred.]

Wednesday, Dec^r^ 25^th^ 1776.

Voted, That John Moor jun. of Pembroke be appointed first Lieutenant of Capt. Eben^r^ Freye's Company in Col^o^ Stark's regiment in the Continental Service: That Asa Senter of Londonderry be second Lieutenant & Joshua Thompson of Concord (1) be Ensign, of said Company. [Concurred.]

[P. 33.] P. M.

Voted, That the Rolls of the several Captains in Col^o^ Long's Regiment of Continental Troops be made up & paid to the month of December Instant, & also a Staff Roll of the said Regiment to the same time, and also that they receive further one month's pay up to the seventh day of January next; That a paymaster of said Regiment be appointed to pay such of said Regiment as Col^o^ Long shall return a Roll of to this house as ready to march & do the Duty of said Regiment; That such as are fit for Duty shall be paid each one penny per mile Travel to Charlestown; That some person be appointed to provide Provisions there for them to last them to Ticonderoga; That Carriages be provided to transport the Baggage of Said Regiment; That the several Captains of said regim^t be called upon to account for the money they received to pay advance wages; That the several Captains be directed when they begin their march, if any of the soldiers should be so base as to Desert from the service, to give notice of the names & places of abode of such Persons to the General Court or Committee of Safety, that they may be taken up & Imprisoned untill an escort can be provided to carry them after the regiment: That Noah Emery, Jun^r of Exeter be Paymaster to the said Regiment: That Col^o Samuel Hunt of Charleston be appointed to provide Provisions for their marching from Charleston to Ticonderoga: That a waggon be provided for each Company consisting of Sixty five men and a waggon for the Field & Staff officers; That Mr. Joseph Ayers of Portsmouth be and hereby is appointed Waggon master for said Regiment, & in case of his refusal that the said Col^o Long be impower'd to appoint one or more for the said service. [Concurred.]

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(1) After the Revolution, *Lieut.* Joshua Thompson resided in Concord, on the east side of the river, in a gambrel roof house still standing, nearly opposite the Union School House. He died April 6, 1831, aged 81.—ED.

Letter from Capt. Eliphalet Daniels.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 223.]

Portsmouth, Decem^r 25th, 1776.

MESHECH WEARE, President
of the State of New Hampshire

SR. The time is now most expired of the last enlistment: should be glad, if I am continued, to have orders to Enlist a nother company, that when the time is out that the Fort may not be left destitute as was the case last winter, before I had orders. I beg leave of chusing my subalterns; as to Lt. Marshall, his conduct since he was Restored, does not suit me, and has been absent many times without my knowledge. I recommend Mr. Mendum Javerin to be my First Lt. & Seth Walker to be my Second Lt. which has been my Orderly sargeant. I beg that you would stipulate the wages that I may engage the men.

I remain, your most ob^t hum^{bl} serv^t.

ELIPHALETT DANIELL.

Thursday, Dec^r 26th 1776.

Voted, That Col^o Evens be called before this house to be examined, Why the Company draughted out of his regiment have not marchd to their head quarters.

[P. 36.] Resolved, That the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State be and hereby is impowered to Borrow a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand pounds on the credit of this State for the term of one year, at the rate of six per cent Interest; and that he Issue Notes in the following form, viz:

The State of New Hampshire acknowledge the receit of............ Pounds from A. B. which they promise to pay to the said A. B. on the..........day of....................with Interest at six per Cent, agreeable to a Resolve passed the............day of ....1776.

Witness my hand,
...............Sec^y.

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Treasurer & Receiver, Gen^l (1)

Resolved, That James Betton Esq^r be & hereby is appointed to repair (without Loss of time) to Philadelphia and request of the Hon^ble Congress the Twenty Thousand Dollars that this State have resolved to apply for to purchase cloathing. Likewise to obtain a sufficient sum to pay the Bountys of the three Continental Battalions to be raised in this State; and inasmuch as this State is largely in advance for the Continent and judge it inexpedient at present to emitt any more money, That the said James Betton Esq^r be impowered to apply to the Hon^bl Congress for payment of part of the said money advanced, not exceeding seventy thousand Dollars. Sent up by Mr. Dearborn. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Treasurer & receiver Gen^l be & hereby is Directed, not to Emitt any of the Notes this day resolved to be issued by him, for any sum less than fifteen pounds. [Concurred.]

Letter to Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 235.]

Exeter, December 27^th, 1776.

SIR—This State very desirous of exerting with full vigour all the strength of this Small Republic in the common cause, find themselves much obstructed in pursuing their Resolutions for want of money, and the Depreciation of the present currency is such that discourages them from emitting any more: Have therefore sent James Betton Esq^r Express, to request of the Hon^ble Congress 20,000 Dollars, to purchase shoes, stockings and other cloathing, agreeable to the desire of Congress, a considerable quantity of which we can soon procure & forward to the Army: Also that money may be transmitted to Col^o John Stark, Col^o Enoch Poor & Col^o Alexander Scammell—persons appointed to command the three Battalions directed to be raised in this State to serve during the war, to enable them to pay the Bounty offered to soldiers by Congress,—which money they could not obtain of the paymasters in the northern or Eastern Department; they having none in stock: Also a sum in part of what this State hath advanced for the Contenent, the accounts of which advance will soon be forwarded.

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(1) Col. Nicholas Gilman was Treasurer and Receiver General.—ED.

Hon. John Hancock, Esq.

Letter to our Delegates in Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 243.]

Exeter, December 27th, 1776.

GENTLEMEN—Enclosed I send you the Copy of a vote appointing you with Col° Bartlett Delegates to represent this State in Congress one year from the first of Jany next. Mr. Betton who brings you this is sent by the General Court to solicit money for this State for several purposes as he will show you in his Instructions. The great need we have of a supply for our Treasury must excusd my very earnest desire of all your aid in procuring the same. Great sums we must advance in addition to the Continental Establishment or no men can be enlisted here. Every thing is so amazing dear that the soldiers say their wages will not half support them. We expect soon to be under the necessity of raising a Body of men to releive the Massa and Connecticut Militia at Rhode Island. One thousand of our militia are just come home from New York, & five hundred newly raised are now on their march for that place. All the intelligence you are permitted to disclose from Congress, be kind enough to send us, especially good news, which we are almost strangers to at present, and therefore shall receive it as a rarity.

P. S. The names of the persons for Field officers in the Continental Battalion raised here have been sent forward some time for approbation as the Regiment is now ordered to Ticonda by Gen. Ward, we desire you to forward the appointints

Honbl Matthew Thornton &
William Whipple.

[P. 35.] Friday, Decr 27th, 1776.

Voted, That Theophilus Dame Esqr furnish & supply the Prisoners under his care from the State of New York, with what is necessary & Reasonably sufficient for their support untill further order of this Court, and render his account thereof for allowance. [Concurred. £30 from the Treasury appropriated for that purpose.]

Voted, That Capt. Eliphalet Daniel have order to Enlist Sixty seven men, officers included, and that Capt. Titus Salter have order to enlist Ninety men, officers included, to be stationed in the forts for the Defence of Piscataqua harbour for the term of one year from the first day of January next, if not sooner discharged; & that the officers have the same pay & allowance as for their past services, and that the non-commissioned officers & soldiers have two dollars as Blanket money & the same wages as they had the last year. [Concurred.]

[P. 36.] The Committee of both Houses for regulating trade &c. made report: which was accepted:

Whereupon Voted, That a Committee be chosen and appointed forthwith to repair to the Massachusetts State, and there consult with the Committee there appointed to bring in a Bill for the purpose of regulating Trade, &c. and that they make it their business so to conduct matters that a General regulation may take place which may be suitable to the circumstances of the four New England States; also that they be Impowered to bring in a Bill as soon as may be, and that the Hon^{bl} Phillips White, Esq^{r} & Col. John Hale be the Committee for that purpose. [Concurred.]

[Upon report of a Committee to name a Surgeon for Col^{o} David Gilman's reg^{t}:]

Voted, That Doct^{r} Joseph Barnes of Litchfield be appointed Surgeon to Col^{o} David Gilman's regiment destined for New York, and that in case of his Neglect or refusal of that trust, the field officers of Said Regiment appoint another in his Stead. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^{o} David Gilman's adjutant & Surgeon receive out of the Treasury one month's advance pay, viz. to the Surgeon seven pounds, ten shillings & to the adjutant Five pounds ten shillings, & for travel *2d* per mile each for 300 miles to be Del^{d} to Mr. Stephen Bartlett pursuant to the request of said Col^{o} Gilman, and that the President give order Accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 37.] Voted, That the Non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers of Col^{o} Long's regiment be paid One months advance wages more than already Voted, to be paid them; viz: from the 7th of January to the 7th day of February next, to enable them to perform their march to Ticonderoga, and that the President give order Accordingly. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Dec^{r} 28th 1776.

[P. 38.] The Report of the Com^{tee} on the New York prisoners being read was received:

Voted, That John Man have leave to Depart this State

& repair to the City of Albany & to Stillwater in the State of New York, for the term of forty days from the first day of Jan^y next he giving Bond with surety to the Speaker of this house for the sum of one thousand pounds lawful money that he shall, on the third day of Jan^y next, proceed directly on his said Journey, and return to the place of his present confinement within forty days from the time of his departure, & in the mean time keep the peace of the United States and be of the good behaviour towards all the subjects thereof and that the President give him a Pass accordingly.

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} George Frost, Esq^r of Durham be added to the Committee to repair to the Mass^a State to consult with their Com^{tee} concerning the regulation of trade &c. and that the Hon^{ble} Phillips White, Esq. Col^o John Hale & the said George Frost, Esq^r or any two of them have full power to execute the said Commission. [Concurred.]

Monday, Dec^r 30th 1776.

Voted, To Choose a Com^{tee} of this house to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board to take under consideration the difficulties & Grievances Subsisting & complain'd of by sundry Towns & People in the County of Grafton & any other Towns, respecting the present Form of Government, and also concerning ascertaining the Election of Councillor for [P. 39.] said County of Grafton, and to report thereon, and that Sam^l Gilman jun. Esq^r Mr. Whipple, Mr. Giles, Maj^r Gains, Maj^r Ellis, Mr. Brainerd & Mr. John Wentworth Jun^r, Capt. Webber & Mr. Odiorne be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs. King, Blanchard & Thompson added.]

Tuesday, Dec^r 31st 1776.

Voted, That John Dudley Esq^r Col^o Goffe, Capt. Moulton, Mr. Bell, Capt. Webber, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Gains, be a Com^{tee} of this House to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board to consider of and make report what wages & pay the Hon^{bl} members of the Council and House of Representatives shall have for their services for the current year.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board, to consider of and report upon the expediency of placing out the officers and men belonging to the

Schooner George lately Bro't into Piscataqua harbour as a Prize, and where they shall be stationed, agreeable to the resolves of Congress, and that Mr. Speaker, Mr. Whipple & Jn° Dudley Esqr be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred.]

Votes, petitions, Accts. &c. passed on by the House and Concurred by the Council from Decr. 18, to Dec. 31t, 1776: [See Rec. of Council.]

Genl Folsom, Col° Bartlett & Col° Clapp, alld 100 dollars for expences to R. Island.

Capt. Titus Salter's muster roll, paid. £199:8:10.

Lt. Samuel Fowler's Acct. alld & paid.

Acct of Majr Philbrick for going express to Boston, alld £1:11.

Maj. Peter Coffin, alld £5:8:6. for going to Boston on public business.

Alld Andrew Coburn £30 in full for service as Brigade Adjt.

Comtee to consider the expediency of chartering two vessels in Portsmouth harbor.

Col. Badger's muster roll settled.

Capt. Josiah Russel to receive £10, to be accounted for.

A Committee appointed to Consider the expediency of sending a new Precept to Cornish, Plainfield, Protectworth & Grantham, to chuse a Representative.

Instructions given to James Betton, sent to Philadelphia, *not found.*

Samuel Cutts alld £200 for supplying troops near Portsmouth.

Committee appointed to examine an article in the *Exeter Gazette*, which reflected on the town of New Market.

Joseph Stacey, prisoner keeper at Exeter, alld £50, towards supporting New York prisoners.

Moses Kelley, sheriff of Hillsboro' Co. alld £20, for supporting prisoners.

Elisha Thomas, alld £10, on account of a wound recd in the Service.

John Roberson, alld 30*s* for Coat & blanket due him as a soldier.

Acct of John Bryant, alld £3:12, for taking up a deserter.

Letter from Col. Pierse Long, relating to the Schooner George.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 239.]

Portsm°, Decr 27th, 1776.

GENt—This morning I Received advice of one of the Enemies Tenders being drove into our Harbour. I thought it my duty to secure her; being apprehensive that the prisoners might attempt an escape with the prize, I immediately ordered a number of soldiers to embark on board boats to take possession of her, and in the interim prepared others to follow: In one of which I went myself; when I came on board I found Capt. Mooney and Major Hodgdon, with a sufficiency of men to bring her to town. We hove her from off the shore and proceeded as far up the River as the tide would permit before it was spent. After which I gave orders for the prisoners to be brought to town, who are now, to the number I think, 43 or 45, under a proper guard, exclusive of five officers who were brought up by Capt. Pinkham (the person who brought her in) and put to Lodge at a public house. The Capt. of the Raleigh order'd a guard on them, for which I am much obliged. This night Capt. Salter, in conjunction with Capt. Robt Parker, who I have appointed pilote of her, will bring her to her mooring. I shall be obliged for an order for the Disposition of all the prisoners, excepting those who will be accompanied to Exeter to morrow by Capt. Deering to be examined and disposed of as you may judge proper.

I am, Gentlemen with due respect, your
most obedt servt

PIERSE LONG.

P. S. I beg leave to observe that Capt. Pinkham had this vessel delivered to him by the officers and people belonging to her, to do with her as he thought proper, which induced him to make this push. He has libelled her, and applied to a friend to transact his business.

Letter from Capt. Thomas Thompson, relating to the Schooner George.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 241.]

Portsmo Decemr 27, 1776.

GENTn—I have to inform you that the Schooner lately commanded by Capt. Burke now a Tender to the Milford, was run on shore last night at Little Harbour; She has four officers passengers, besides the one that commands & about Fifty men, the Officers shall be sent off early to morrow morning; should be glad of your further directions in behalf of the United States, for the disposal of the Prisoners who are now in custody of Colo Long,—all but the Officers who are in my Care

Your Humbl Servt
THOs THOMPSON.

To the Honbl the Council &
Assembly of the State of
New Hampshire.

Letter relating to General Washington's Victory at Trenton.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 245.]

Peekskill, 30th Dec. 1776.

DEAR SIR—I have now the Pleasure of informing you of a grand victory gained by Genl Washington at Trenton on the 26th Inst. His Excelly with about 3000 men crossed the Delaware on Christmas Evening, and thro' a very heavy storm of rain, snow and Hail marched and began his attack abt 8 o'clock in the morning of the 26th, and after a Battle of 35 minutes, routed the whole and took 919 Prisoners, exclusive of Killed and wounded. I was at Head Quarters, saw the Prisoners, and have the accot directly from the General. If you have not this before you receive this, I must beg you would draw it off in a proper manner. I am but this instant arrived, and the Express just setting off. I am, Sir, your Humb Servt

FRANCIS SHAW.

To Mr. John Avery, jun.

Letter from Gen. W. Heath, relating to the Battle at Trenton.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 249.]

(Copy) Peekskill, Decr 30, 1776.

SIR—By Col° Chester, this moment arrived from his Excellency General Washington, who is at Newton, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that early on the morning of Thursday last, his Excellency in person, at the head of about three thousand of our Troops, crossed the Delaware & attacked the Enemy at Trenton, consisting of about 1600 men ; and after a brisk action of 35 minutes, entirely routed them; 1 Col° 2 Lieut. Colonels, 3 Majors, 4 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 12 Ensigns, one Judge Advocate, 2 Surgeons Mates, 92 Sergeants, 20 Drummers, 9 musicians, 25 officers servants, and 740 Rank & file were taken prisoners; besides kill'd & wounded; 6 pieces of Brass Cannon, two of which were 12 pounders, 12 drums, 4 Standards, 1200 small arms, 6 waggons, a number of swords, Caps &c. are Trophies of victory. We had not more than four kill'd & eight wounded. All the prisoners except one were Hessians. Our troops behaved with the greatest bravery.

This signal victory at this time will be productive of the best consequences—ardor glows in every face and I hope we shall soon retrieve all our losses.(1)

I am, Sir,
With respect and esteem, your obedt Huml sert
W. HEATH.

A true copy—Attest
John Avery, Dep. Secy.
[Address wanting.]

Letter from the Hon. Matthew Thornton.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 3.]

Baltimore Jany 1st, A. D. 1777.

HOND SIR,—

The weakness of my eyes since the Small Pox, is the reason I have not done myself the honor to write to you & the Honble Council & House oftener & more at large. At present, the bearer waits & I have only time to Say General Washington has Gained two very considerable victories over the enemies of America ; & the Congress expects every moment the news of a grand engagement.

For further news I must refer you to newspapers ; if you are led to believe mistakes by them (or either know not what to believe) the current reports here are as uncertain. I have not been favoured with one Letter publick or private Since I left my own house, I would take it as a great honor to receive a letter from you, or any worthy friend.

Pray, Sir, take the trouble to present my compliments to the Honbl Council & House, & Accept the Same from your most obedient, & Sir, yr Humbl Servt,

MATTHEW THORNTON.

The Honbl Meshech Weare, Esq. Exeter.

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(1) See full account of this battle in general Histories. Holmes' Annals, Vol II. pp. 252, 253.—ED.

Letter from Col. Pierse Long.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 1.]

Portsm°, January 1st 1777.

SIR—I am informed by the several Captains from Exeter, that I am censur'd by the Court as the means of preventing the Regiment down here from being properly settled and paid. Its hard to be Reflected on without cause. Its true when the Committee of this State were writing to Congress on some other business (which was only a few days after our appointment) I happened to be with them on some business, and observing that the Field officers were mentioned to have been appointed to this Command, in a Postscript of a Letter, I told the Secretary that I thought it would be best to omit writing about us, until Col° Whipple went to Congress, which would be the next Monday, and, of consequence would make but a few days difference. I must confess I really thought the Congress would have been informed by him of the appointment, and that the Commissions would have come in consequence thereof; though I hope neither of the Field officers would stop on that account. Its true, instead of Col° Whipple's setting out on Monday, he stopped untill the middle of the week, with whom I had the pleasure of riding as far as Hampton; at which place I asked if the Committee had wrote by him, respecting our appointment: His answer was, No. I cannot conceive how it can be construed, that I prevented the Commissions from coming. I dont know in any one instance that I either said or did more; and am sure I had no intention then nor since to backward their coming. But I defy all Nature to say, that I have not used every expedient to get the Regiment prepared to move off; and to think that after doing all this and exerting myself in every instance and be thus much reflected on, is most too much to bear: And can't help saying that it appears to me that such things will have a tendency to hurt instead of helping the cause. The Captains this minute inform me that the paymaster is ready to pay the money to the Troops up to the 7th of January, together with the amount of the Staff Roll, which I now send by Mr. Clure. I have order'd them that are here to collect together all their men that I may review them, and see who are fit for the march, (I hope it will be all, for I shall not consult their inclinations.) an abstract of which will be handed you. I have nothing further to say, only hope that the moneys will come down, that I may order the men of, and must add that I dont know of an officer that has discouraged the people from going; But to the contrary I believe they have done all in their power to encourage them.

I am, your humb Servt

PIERSE LONG.

P. S. Tin kettles, axes, or hatchetts, and I think 2*d* pr. mile travel, & snow shoes, have been allowed other troops—But enough.

Hon Mch Weare, Esqr

Wednesday, January 1st, 1777.

[P. 40.] The House met according to adjournment.

The report of the Committee on placing out the officers & men belonging to the Schooner George, was read & Voted

That the same be rec^d^ & accepted (and is on file)(1) Thereupon

Voted, as in the Report, viz. That the said officers be placed at the Town of Concord in this State, each of them giving his Parole according to the Form Prescribed by the Continental Congress, and that the Privates have liberty to place themselves with any person to work at any Lawful calling to gain their subsistence within fifteen miles of Portsmouth within the limits of this State—any of the afores^d^ persons being American born, on giving satisfaction to the commanding officer at New Castle that they were compelled to continue in the service against the Americans, may be discharged by said officer: And in case of misbehaviour or Disobedience to these orders, that they be committed to prison: That if any of them thro' sickness or other Inability, prove unable to procure by labour their subsistence, That the Commissary be directed to allow to such Rations, as soldiers. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Committee of Safety of Portsmouth be directed forthwith to transmit to this Court or to the Committee of Safety the Number, Names and Quality of all Prisoners now in Portsmouth taken in any prize by sea or taken by land, that this Court may take order thereon, and that said Com^tee^ of Portsmouth when & so often as any such Prisoners shall arrive there in future, imediately transmit their names & Quality to this Court or Com^tee^ of Safety of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 41.] The Com^tee^ on the New York Prisoners &c. made report on the Petition of Benj^a^ Chase & Griffin Massey, which was read and received: Therefore

Voted, That the said Benjamin Chase & Griffin Massey have liberty to depart this State and repair to Pawlings Precinct in Dutchess County in the State of New York, in order to provide necessarys of life for themselves & familys, each of them giving Bond to the speaker of the Hon^ble^ house of Representatives in the sum of Five hundred pounds, conditioned severally that they set off from Exeter on the 4th day of Jan^y^ curr^t^ and proceed directly to said Pawlings Precinct, and return to Exeter in this State within Fifty days from the time of Departure, and that each of them in the mean time keep the peace of the United States & be of good behaviour, especially toward the People of said State of New York, or else, within said term procure a certificate or certificates from the State of New York permitting them respectively to reside there for the future, and present the same to the authority of this State. [Concurred.]

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(1) The Report has not been found on file.—ED.

Letter from Hon. John Jay, of New York, relating to prisoners from that State, in New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 23.]

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York for inquiring into detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be form'd in the State of New York against the Liberties of America:

Fishkill, Jan^y^ the 10^th^ 1777.

SIR—It is with great pleasure that this Committee observe from the Papers given to Griffin Mercy and Benjamin Chace who were lately removed to Exeter, that proper security was taken for their return.

The attention paid by your Honourable House to the detention of the dangerous and disaffected persons recommended to their care by this Committee is very agreeable to the Friends of Liberty in this State and has been attended with happy effects.

The Committee have directed me to transmit to you the enclosed Resolution respecting Benjamin Chace.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, your most obed^{t} Ser^{vt}

JOHN JAY, Chairman.

Hon^{o} Meshech Weare.

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Chace (being one of the people called Quakers) be permitted to go and remain at his home in Pawling's Precinct in Dutchess County and be restored to all the Rights and Priviledges of a subject of this State and friend to the American Cause.

(A true Copy) JOHN JAY, Chairman.

Voted, That James Bryant, Hendrick Younkhouse & Coonrod Smith be permitted to go to the town of New Marlborough in the State of the Massach^{tts} Bay, they giving sufficient Bond to the Speaker of the house of Representatives in the sum of one thousand pounds to abide & remain in said town of New Marlborough until further order of this Court, or are Liberated further, by the Convention or Committee of Safety of the State of New York. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Joseph Hitchcock, one of the prisoners from New York have leave to Depart from this State and go home to Dutchess County, he appearing by his age & infirmities to be incapable of doing harm to the American States, and that the President give him a pass accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 42.] Voted, That Barzillai How be Ensign of Capt.

Amos Morrill's Company in Col. Stark's Reg^{t} of Continental Troops for this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Josiah Bartlett, Ebenezer Thompson, Wm. Knight & Thomas Martin Esq^{rs} and Mr. Joseph Gilman be the Committee to prepare and perfect the Accounts of this State against the Continent. [Concurred.]

The Rev^{d} Mr. Jonathan Livermore of Wilton being cited to appear before this House to answer to what may be objected against him as being Enemical to the Liberties of America &c. appearing before this house and being heard in his defence, and the objectors being heard upon their Evidence, Voted, That the Complaint & Information against the Said Mr. Livermore, be & hereby is dismist.

[P. 43.] Voted to choose a Committee of this house to Revise the Journals of the present house of Representatives and prepare them for the Press and lay them before this house when done for their approbation, and that Noah Emery Esq. Mr. John Smith and Sam^{l} Gilman jun. Esq^{r} be the Committee for that Purpose. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted, To choose a Com^{tee} of this house to view the Goal in Exeter & see what breaches was made thereon the last night, and that Col^{o} Evens, Capt. Moulton & Capt. Webber be the Committee for that purpose.

The Report of the Committee on Maj^{r} Gains motion, Concerning the Ship now lying at Portsmouth, being read & received; Therefore

Voted, That the proprietors of the Said Ship have liberty to send her on her destined voyage; they giving bond to the Speaker of the Hon^{bl} house of Representatives to present a true Invoice of her whole Cargo, on her return, and give this State the refusal of the whole or any part thereof, and that this State have Liberty to send for such Articles as are wanted for its use—& further—Voted, That the Master or owners of said ship endeavour to get for Cargo, Salt, German Steel, Medicines, Files, Sulphur & warlike Stores, for the use of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 44.] Voted, That Stephen Hunt, Asa Brown, Jacob Motte & Elisha Rose, who were sent Prisoners from the State of New York to this State and have broken their Parole, be forthwith Committed to close Prison. [Concurred.]

Voted to choose a Committee to draw up & bring in a Bill for the Trial & Punishment of Persons who shall by any misbehaviour in word or deed be adjudged Enemical to the Liberty & Freedom of the States of America (not within the Act against treason) and directing how such Trials shall be had, and how judgments thereon shall be executed, and that John Wentworth jun. Esq^r, Jonathan Mitchell Sewall, Esq^r, Samuel Gilman jun. & Col^o Peabody, be the Committee for that purpose. [Concurred.]

Friday, Jan^y 3^d 1777.

[P. 45.] The Committee on the affairs of Grafton made their Report as on file (1) which being laid on the table, read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and thereupon Voted, That Two hundred copies of the Plan of Government (2) be immediately printed and dispersed among those who have not yet had an opportunity of seeing them: That the Hon^bl Meshech Weare Esq^r Benjamin Giles, Esq^r and John Wentworth jun, Esq^r be a Committee to repair to the County of Grafton and other places dissatisfied with the present form of Government, said Committee giving previous notice to such Towns or places to meet them by Committees or by similar ways at the times & places they shall judge most convenient, and Endeavour to inform the People of the true nature and form of the present Government & method of representation and in particular that it was & is only designed for the present Contingencies or untill the present Warr with Britain be ended, and the People at leisure coolly and with that attention absolutely necessary on such occasions to form & settle a lasting & Permanent Plan of Government; And in the most earnest manner Entreat the People to consider the Consequences of such internal discords & Divisions among ourselves; That they would not weaken the hands of their Brethren in the common cause & thereby be the means of bringing the greatest calamity & Distress on themselves & us, but coolly, calmly & considerately enquire for themselves, and engage with heart and hand in consulting the best Interest of the whole, and that in case said Committee should have a desire of any District sent to, who have not sent members to set in the General Assembly, for a new

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(1) The Report is not found on file—but probably the vote which follows, embraces the substance of it.

(2) See the Form of Government, ante, pp. 2-4.—ED.

Precept to be sent to them; That the President & Speaker be impowered to issue such Precept or Precepts in the same form as those sent for the present house, making such alterations as will be necessary for fixing the time of attendance of the members chosen, also the time for the Committee in s^{d} County of Grafton to meet & receive the Votes for a Councillor, and in case the President & Speaker aforesaid should issue such new Precepts, that they then send Precepts to the Upper Cohos District, also to Rumney & Thornton to call meetings and vote for a Councillor, said votes to be returned with the others of the New Precepts: Also Voted, That on the same paper with the above copies of the Plan of government be printed the copy of a Resolve of the Gen^{l} Assembly of the 19th of Sept. last relative to New Towns increasing in Inhabitants, Sending Delegates to Council & Assembly in proportion to Numbers, with other places. [Concurred.]

[P. 47.] Voted, That Capt. Samuel Gilman of New Market wait on the Secretary & request him to certifie how far the late Committee of Safety were concerned in the publication of several late pieces in the Exeter Chronicle, reflecting on the Town of New Market, and that if the said Committee were no ways concerned in the said Publications, that then the said Town of New Market apply to the Printer for satisfaction.

P. M.

Voted, That Provision be made by this State, That the soldiers who are already or that may hereafter engage in the service shall be supply'd with cloathing & other Necessaries for upholding of Life, at the first cost, and that a proper person or proper persons be appointed at the cost & charge of this State to Deal out such articles to the soldiers and account therefor to this house or to the Committee of Safety. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Benjamin Giles Esq^{r} & Mr. Joseph Whipple be & hereby are appointed a Committee to repair to the State of the Massa^{ts} Bay to consult with that State about making a proper Defence at Ticonderoga & Mount Independence, with such orders & Instructions as shall be given them by this Court, and to make report thereon to this house as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

Voted, That an order Issue from this house to George

Jaffrey, Esq^{r} late Treasurer of the Province of New Hampshire, to exhibit to this house his Treasury accounts for examination, on the second day of the next Session of this Assembly and that he have a copy of this vote sent him for his attendance accordingly.

By order of the House, J. L. Speaker.

[P. 48.] The Act against Treason & Misprision of Treason was read a third time and passed to be enacted.(1)

[P. 49.] January 4th, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. Jonathan Wheeler at his own request be Dismist from his service in this house and that a New Precept be issued by the Speaker to the Town of Salem to Elect & send to this Court a proper person to represent the said Town of Salem (2).

The Report of the Com^{tee} on the Petition of Ephraim Robinson & others and on the motions in behalf of Jonathan Payson & others concerning their vessels now lying at Portsmouth, being read,

Voted that the same be rec^{d} and accepted; & further,

Voted, That that the owners or freighters of the Brigantine Kildair have liberty to send her on her destined voyage, they giving bond to the Speaker of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives to present a true Inventory of her whole Cargo on her return and give this State the refusal of the whole or any part thereof,—and that this State have liberty to send for such articles as are wanted for its use; and further, Voted, That the master or freighter of said Brigg^{e} endeavour to procure for cargo, Salt, German Steel, Medecines, Files, Sulphur, & Warlike Stores for the use of this State—and that the owners or Freighters of the Schooner Washington have liberty to send her on her intended voyage, on the same terms & conditions. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the members of the Hon^{bl} Council and of this House have & receive their pay for travel and attendance at this Session, at the same rate as the last year, upon proper Rolls to be made by the Secretary and Clerk of the House & certified to the Treasurer as usual. And that consideration of the manner how the same shall be replaced in the Treasury, be an after Consideration of this house. [Concurred.]

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(1) This Act is recorded in full in "Record of Acts—1766 to 1779," pp. 77-81 in Sec'y's office, and a copy of it is found in State Pap. Vol. V. p. 276. Reconsidered Jan. 10, 1777.—ED.

(2) A petition and remonstrance against the election of Mr. Wheeler had been presented to the house by the people of Salem.—ED.

Monday, Jan^{y} 6th 1777.

[John Dudley Esq. chosen Speaker, *pro temp*, in the chair.]

Voted, That all the officers now in Portsmouth who were taken in any of the Prize Vessels sent in there, be removed as soon as may be, out of the town of Portsmouth, and further Voted, to choose a Com^{tee} of five to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board to consult together, & make report how & in what manner the said officers shall be removed & distributed in the different parts of this State, and that Rob^{t} Wilson, Esq^{r} Col^{o} Peabody, Capt. Gilman, Capt. Moulton, & Capt. Blood be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs. King, Wentworth & Gilman added.]

Certificates of money Sent to New Hampshire, by the Continental Treasurer.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 13.]

Baltimore, Jan^{y} 6, 1777.

SIR—In pursuance of the Resolutions and directions of the Hon^{ble} the Treasury Board of the United States, I beg leave to transmit to you by this Opportunity, Two hundred & Sixty three Certificates of the Continental Loan Office, of three hundred Dollars each, the which I am to request you will please to deliver to the Loan Office Commissioner of your State, taking duplicate Receipts from him for the Same, and to transmit One of them to me: That you will, at the delivery of these Certificates direct your Commissioner to write me from time to time acquainting me with his Success and quantity of Cash in hand, that I may know how to draw for the Same. As to the rest of the Certificates intended for your State, shall send them by a future opportunity.

I am with much esteem
Your most Obedt Serv^{t},
M. HILLEGAS, Cont. Tr.

263 Certificates
300 Dollars each,

78.900, Dollars.

NOTE. The above mentioned Certificates are to be numbered 901 @ 1163 inclusive, which you will please by all means to shew to the Commissioner of your State, that he may fill them up Accordingly.
New Hampshire.

January 7th, 1777.

Votes, Accts, petitions &c. passed on by the House and concurred by the Council from Jany 1st to 7th, 1777. [See *Rec.* of *Coun.*]

Pd Dr. John Cooke, surgeon of Col. Tash's regt. £2 : 10. for travel money to New York.

The pay-roll of Capt. Eliphalet Daniel's Company, amounting to £197 : 2 : 8. alld & pd.

£20 advanced for support of New York prisoners.

John Robertson, a Soldier in Capt. Joshua Abbot's Comy, alld 36*s*, for Coat & blankett.

Act to enable the Recr Genl. to borrow £20,000, enacted.

Muster-roll of Col. Ebr Smith, settled.

Muster roll of Lt. Col. Joshua Wentworth, settled.

Vote for printing and distributing, Act relating to County Treasurers & Recorders, passed.

Act relating to the Small-pox, to be printed.

Capt. Titus Salter's pay-roll, alld & pd. £111.

Acct of Ezekiel Goodale, for bringing back from Temple run-away New York prisoners, pd. £4: 12.

Acct of John Cragin jun. for arresting run-away prisoners, pd. £2: 18 : 8.

Pay-roll of Capt. Jeremiah Eames, £92 : 2 : 4, pd.

Acct of Capt. Jeremiah Eames, for expences & horse hire, £4 : 14, pd.

Majr Caleb Hodgdon ordered to pay money in his hands to Capt. Abraham Perkins.

Pay-roll of Capt. Ebenezer Dearing, in Col. Long's Regt. alld & pd. £256 : 8 : 9.

Pd. Capt. Dearing, for Stopages against deserters, 36*s*.

£10, advanced to Benj. Giles & Jos. Whipple.

£30 advanced to Messrs. Weare, Giles & J. Wentworth, jun.

Medicines provided for Col. David Gilman's Regt.

Staff-Roll of Col. Pearse Long, alld & pd. £180.

Pay Roll of Capt. John Calfe, alld & pd. £333 : 1 : 8.

Col. Otis Baker's acct. settled.

Roll of Capt. Timothy Clement's Compy alld & pd. £250 : 2 : 6.

Roll of Capt. John Brewster's Compy. alld & pd. £320 : 15 : 9.

Balance of the Roll of Capt. Abraham Perkins, pd. £124 : 0 : 7.

Balance of the Roll of Capt. Nathan Brown, pd. £84 : 12 : 1.

Balance of the Roll of Capt. Mark Wiggin, pd. £137 : 16 : 11.

Balance of acct of Messrs. Folsom, Bartlett & Clapp, pd. £23 : 7 : 2.

Vote to pay Capt. John Calfe, £1, & Capt. Nathan Brown £1 : 10, for recruiting men, &c.

A Committee to consider the expediency of keeping up Scouts in Upper Cohos, under Capt. Jere. Eames.

January 8th, 1777.

[P. 53.] Voted that this house resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole, to take under consideration the report of the Comtee from Providence concerning regulating the prices of the Necessaries of life &c.

The Hon^{ble} Council joined the said Com^{tee} of the whole, The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^{r} in the Chair. The Committee proceeded to consider of the report of their Com^{tee} from Providence, and a Question being put, Whether a Committee shall be appointed to consider of and bring in a Bill for establishing the Prices of the Necessary & convenient Articles of Life enumerated in the said Report, and also to fix the prices of such other articles as are not enumerated in said Report: and a vote being called thereon it passed in the affirmative:

The Speaker resumed his Chair, and the house proceeded, and

Voted, to choose a Com^{tee} to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to consider of the Prices of sundry articles of the Necessaries & conveniences of life not enumerated in the Report of the Com^{tee} from Providence, and to report thereon, and that Mr. Gains, Mr. Philbrick, Jno. Dudley Esq^{r} Maj^{r} Downing, Mr. Ellis, Capt. Moulton, Capt. Blood Col^{o} Peabody & Col^{o} Evans, be the Com^{tee} of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Mess^{rs} Bartlett, Gilman, Blanchard & Thompson added.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to consider of and report to this House, what & who shall be deemed the Supreme Executive Power in this State, within the Intent & meaning of the Act against Treason & Misprision of Treason, and that Col^{o} Peabody, Capt. Moulton, Capt. Martyn, Mr. Knowles & Capt. Gilman be the Committee of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs King, Bartlett & Wentworth added.]

Voted, That Capt. Joshua Foss have leave to employ in his service one Thomas Simmons a prisoner taken in the Schooner George in any business he is capable of in any part of this State Notwithstanding any votes or resolves of this State concerning such prisoners, the said Foss saving this State any charge concerning said Prisoner during his said employment. [Concurred.]

[P. 54.] Thursday, Jan^{y} 9th 1777.

The report of the Com^{tee} for fixing the Prices of sundry Necessary Articles & conveniences of life being bro't in read & debated article by article.

Voted, That the Articles of Lumber, be Struck out of the report & no prices fixed thereto, (they not being the necessarys of life). That New England Iron exceed not 40*s* pr. Hund^{d} at the Iron Works; That good well tann'd Sole Leather exceed not 1*s*. 6*d*. pr lb. & upper leather in proportion; That good Cotton Cloth & Cotton & linnen Cloth a yard wide exceed not 3*s*. 8*d*. pr. yard; That Mutton exceed not 3*d* pr. lb. or equal to Beef; That Veal exceed not 3*d* pr. lb. That Good English hay exceed not 72*s* pr. Ton through this Season, and Salt hay exceed not 36*s* pr. Ton through this Season; That all commodities sold at Vendues higher than this limitation the fine for the Same shall be paid by the buyer, in all other cases by the Seller; and that all fines under forty shillings to be recovered before a Justice of the Peace with liberty of Appeal if demanded; all above forty shillings before the Infe^{r} Court of Common Pleas, the one half of each fine to be for the use of the Prosecutor and the other half for the use of the County where the Action shall be bro't. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Jeremiah Eames be directed to keep up a Scouting party of ten men at or near Great Cohoss, from this time to the fifteenth day of April next, to be under the direction of the Gen^{l} Assembly, & that they have the Same pay & Provisions as the Said Scouts had the last year, and that Orders & Instructions be given him Accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the ship Portsmouth, Robert Parker Commander (being a private Ship of warr) be permitted to Sail from the Port of Piscataqua, and to cruise against the Enemies of the States of America and that the President Give a Permit Accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board to draw up & present to this house the form of a Proclamation for a day of General Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer throughout this State, and that Mr. Jacob Emery, Mr. Simeon Dearborn, and Mr. Potter be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose.

Council Records, Jan. 9, 1777.

The Board taking into consideration the necessity of imediately inlisting the Quota of men proportioned for this State to raise, during the present war, and Committees appointed by the several N. E. States having jointly agreed & recommended a Plan to each of said States, by them severally to be adopted to raise their respective Quotas in a similar way by giving each to their soldiers a gratuity over and above the Continental Establishment; Therefore Voted, and Resolved, That the said Plan recommended be adopted by this State, and that all other methods or Resolutions passed by the General Assembly for that purpose so far as they relate to Encouragement in addition to the Continental Establishment be annulled and cease.

And that all recruiting officers employed by this State be now authorized & empowered to pay each and every non-commissioned officer whom they shall enlist (being a good able-bodied effective man well accoutred, in particular with a good musket, with a Bayonet and Cartouch Box) ten pounds on his enlistment as a Gratuity or Bounty from this State over and above all the encouragement promised and which will be paid by the Continental Congress; And that they further assure the soldiers that this State yearly and every year during their continuance in the war will give each of them a good Blanket, or eighteen shillings in lieu thereof:

And the recruiting officers who have already enlisted men and paid them the Continental Bounty under the promise of having an additional sum to their wages from this State, are hereby directed to pay each of said men the additional wages heretofore promised them; and as a further encouragement to the officers and soldiers who engage in the noble cause of defending their country, it is hereby Resolved, That all necessary stores for them such as heretofore were supplied by Sutlers (of which this State will endeavour to procure a sufficiency for their proportion of men) shall be delivered at the same prices they cost at the sea-ports or places where they are originally purchased, without any additional advance for transportation or delivery:

And as this State, and all the other New England States are fixing by Law the prices of the several necessaries of life, the same will come reasonable to the soldiers, and they not be obliged to give the exorbitant prices heretofore demanded and taken of them as well as others.

Read and ordered to be sent down to the Hon^ble^ House for concurrence, and that copies be printed and one given to each Recruiting officer.

[P. 56.] In the House of Representatives, Jan^y^ 9^th^ 1777.

The Vote & Resolve of the Hon^bl^ Council of this day relative to the raising the Quota of men ordered to be raised in this State on the Continental Establishment, being sent down from the Board, read & considered,

Voted That the same be and hereby is concurred.

Upon reading & considering the Remonstrance & Petition of Lieut. Colonel Joseph Welch, praying that the sheriff may be authorized & required to detain in prison, sundry prisoners committed by him to the Goal in Exeter from the State of New York, viz. William Slack, Daniel Smith, Thomas Leonard, John Lawson, Benj^n^ Morrill and David Storm,

Voted, That the Sheriff of the County of Rockingham be directed to detain in the Goal or Goals of said County, all such Prisoners sent by said Welch from New York, untill further order of this Court or Committee of Safety of this State, or untill Discharged by due order of Law. The said Joseph Welch Esq^{r} being at the whole charge of their imprisonment & support on account of said State of New York. [Concurred.]

Friday, Jan^{y} 10th, 1777.

[P. 57.] Voted, That John Powell now in prison for enlisting twice & deserting, be detained in Prison untill he can be delivered to his proper officer or untill further order of this Court or of the Committee of Safety of this State. [Concurred.]

Letter from Capt. W. Packer—relating to John Powell.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 21.]

SR—Upon the suggestion of Capt. Isaac Farwell that he had enlisted One John Powell in the service of the United American States, during the war & had paid him a Bounty of Ten Dollars, & had afterwards discovered that he had previously been enlisted into the Same Service under a Capt. Blodget, I ordered him last evening to Goal: But as I know of no Law which will justify my detaining him there any longer than this day, I have referred him to y^{r} Hon^{ble} House, in expectation you'll take such order relating to the Prisoners as in your wisdom you shall see fit.

I am with great esteem & respect
Y^{r} Honors most Ob^{t}. H^{e}. Serv^{t},
W. PACKER.

Exeter, Jan^{y} 10th 1777,
Hon^{ble} John Langdon, Esq^{r}. &c.

Voted, That the Act for establishing Courts of Law for the administration of Justice within this Colony, be published in the Portsmouth & Exeter Newspapers, and that the Secretary take order accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved, That no officer or soldier in the service of this State or of the United States of America, shall have his body arrested for any debt, while in actual service, and that such officer & soldier having sufficient estate within this State to answer such Debt, the same estate shall be liable to be attached for any such Debt, and that final Judgment on such attachment be not given untill such officer or soldier be discharged from such service.

[P. 58.] Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq^{r} Col. Nicholas Gilman, Col. Josiah Bartlett, Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r} Benjamin Barker, Esq^{r} Mr. Thomas Odiorne, John

Dudley Esq^{r} Capt. Josiah Moulton, Maj^{r} George Gains, John Wentworth jun. Esq^{r} Col. Peabody & Dr. Levi Dearborn, be a Committee of Safety for this State to transact the necessary business of both Houses in the recess of the Gen^{l} Court, with the same powers & authorities that any Committee of Safety of this State heretofore chosen or appointed, have had & exercised, and to appoint and Commission officers in case of the death or refusal of those that are already appointed, and on any emergency to call the Council & House of Representatives together as occasion may require, and that any seven of said Com^{tee} be a Quorum for business.

Saturday, Jan^{y} 11th 1777.

The Report of the Committee for considering where the Supreme Executive Power of this State shall be lodged, being read & considered,

Voted, That the Treason Bill be recommitted to the Committee for making some proper alterations thereto, and that the Vote of Jan^{y} 3^{d}, for Passing said bill be & hereby is reconsidered & made void.

[P. 59.] Monday, Jan^{y} 13th, 1777.

Voted That Seth Chase one of the [New York] prisoners, have liberty to go to his own home, he being advanced in years, poor and Destitute of cloathing & unable to do much harm, and that the President give him a Pass accordingly. Also Voted, That Orra Delong & Ephraim Wheeler two of said Prisoners have liberty to repair to the Town of Kent in the State of Connecticutt, each of them giving bond to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the use of this State, in the sum of Five hundred Pounds, to remain in said Town of Kent & behave themselves peaceably, untill they shall be further liberated by the Convention or Committee of New York or by the Gen^{l} Court or Committee of Safety of this State, and that the President give Passes accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 60.] The Speaker being necessarily absent, the house made choice of Benjamin Giles Esq^{r} for Speaker pro tempore.

Sundry Letters were laid on the table & read, viz. One from Gen^{l} Schuyler of Dec. 30th, one from President Hancock of Dec^{r} 25, with y^{e} Resolutions of Congress of Dec^{r} 23^{d} and 24th, the Resolve of Mass^{ts} State of Jan^{y} 8th, concerning

Ticonderoga, a Letter from the Council of Warr at Providence of Jan^y^ 7th, a letter from Gen^l^ Ward of Jan^y^ 9th &c. &c.

Letter from Gen^l^ Phillip Schuyler, relating to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 254.]

Albany, December 30th, 1776.

Sir—I did myself the honor to address you in a Letter of the 3^d^ Instant, intreating that Troops might be sent from your State to relieve the Garrison at Ticonderoga. Altho' I have not had the pleasure to hear from you on the subject, I shall yet hope that some are already marched. I need not dwell on the Importance Ticonderoga is of to every one of the Northern States—should it unfortunately fall into the Enemy's hands the consequences would be dreadful, if not altogether fatal to the Liberties of our Country.

The situation of affairs in Jersey & Pennsylvania leave me very little hope to receive a supply of Military Stores from thence; this State has none—all that Connecticut can spare will be greatly short of our wants. I have no encouragement from the Massachusetts Bay, and I must therefore most earnestly entreat for a supply from your State. The Number of Cannon wanted is very great—powder, Lead, cannon-shot, cartridge-paper and every Necessary for the artillery is greatly deficient. I wish therefore to be furnished with all of every kind that can possibly be collected, and as the conveyance in winter of these Articles to Ticonderoga is so much cheaper and easier than at any other season I wish them to be sent immediately.

The Enemy have two Regiments at St. John's, three at Isle au Noix and an advance party at Isle la Motte; from this and a variety of other circumstances I have reason to apprehend that they meditate an attack if they find our Garrison weak.

I have received a friendly message from the Indians; they seem determined to adhere to their Treaties with us. I expect in a few weeks to be visited by a considerable party of them, when I shall be under the necessity of making them a present; Blankets they always expect, and unfortunately I have not one to give them; let me entreat you, if any are to be had in your State, to send me four or five hundred, the soonest possible. I shall order immediate payment for them.

I am, Sir, with great respect

Your most obed^t^ hh^bl^ serv^t^.

Ph: Schuyler.

The Hon^ble^ President of the
State of New Hampshire.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, relating to affairs at Ticonderoga, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. V. p. 225.]

Baltimore, Dec^r^. 25th, 1776.

Gentlemen—Since I did myself the Honour of addressing you last on the subject of the inclosed Resolve, the Congress have received fresh intelligence from General Schuyler and Gates, urging the Necessity of an immediate Compliance therewith. In Consequence of which, they have directed me to represent to you, that without your immediate aid and assistance, the important Fortress of Ticonderoga will unavoidably fall into the hands of our Enemies; the Troops who at present Garrison that and the adjacent Ports, having determined not to continue there after the Term of their Inlistment expires.

It is needless to use Arguments on the occasion, or to paint the dreadful consequences to Gentlemen already fully acquainted with them, of leaving the back Settlements of the New England States open to the Ravages of our merciless Foes. If anything can add to your exertions at this Time, it must be the reflection that your own most immediate Safety Calls upon you to Strain every nerve. Should we heedlessly abandon the Port of Ticonderoga we give up inconceivable advantages. Should we resolutely maintain it (and it is extremely Capable of defence) we may bid defiance to Gen^l Carlton and the Northern Army under his command. But our exertions for this purpose must be immediate, or they will not avail any thing. The 31^st of this Instant the time will expire for which the Troops in that important Garrison were enlisted, and Lake Champlain will, in all probability be frozen over soon after. For the Sake therefore of all that is dear to Freemen, be entreated to pay immediate Attention to this Requisition of Congress, and let nothing divert you from it. The affairs of our Country Are in a Situation to admit of no delay. They may Still be retrieved, but not without the greatest expedition and Vigour.

If nothing was at Stake but *your own* Peace and security, I should not be so earnest on the Occasion. It is the Fate of Posterity (which depends on *our* Conduct,) that Stamps a value on the present cause. I beseech you, therefore by all that is Sacred—by that Love of Liberty and your Country which you have always manifested; by those ties of honour which bind you to the common cause; by that Love of Virtue and Happiness which Animates all good men, and finally by your Regard for succeeding Generations;—that you will without a moment's Delay, exert yourselves to forward the troops for Ticonderoga, from your State, agreeably to the enclosed Requisition of Congress.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen
Your most Obed^t & very hum^ble serv^t
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t.

Hon^ble Assembly of the
State of New Hampshire.

[The requisition above referred to, urged "the necessity of hastening up troops from their respective States with the utmost dispatch, in the following proportions, viz:

Twenty-five hundred from Massachusetts Bay, Fifteen hundred from Connecticut, & Five hundred from New Hampshire: Informing them that Congress desire they will not wait, 'till the several corps are completed there being now a plentiful stock of provisions at Ticonderoga & nothing to fear from the Enemy 'till the Lake shall be frozen over as above mentioned."—ED.]

Letter from Gen. Ward.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 19.]

Boston, January 9, 1777.

SIR—

I am to request the State of New Hampshire to equip two of the Continental Battalions now raising in that State (agreeable to the order of the Congress) and forward them to Ticonderoga under proper officers, with all possible expedition. I apprehend it will be best to send forward the men by Companies or half Companies as fast as they can be raised. As Ticonderoga is a Fortress of great importance, no time should be lost in sending re-inforcements, lest the Enemy should make an attack there this winter.

I am, Sir, your ob^{t} Humb Ser^{t}

ARTEMAS WARD.

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq.

Resolve of Massachusetts, concerning Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 16.]

In Council, Jan^{y} 8th, 1777.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to y^{e} Hon^{bl} Gen. Ward to Issue out his orders directing three of the Continental Battalions now raising in this State, as fast as the men are inlisted to march to Ticonderoga, & also to order two of the Continental Regiments now raising in the State of New Hampshire, as fast as the men are inlisted, to proceed to the same place, for the defence of the Fort erected there. [Concurred, and consented to by the Governor.]

Propositions from the Council of War in Rhode Island relating to Couriers for the New England States.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 5.]

At a meeting of the Committees appointed by the States of the Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island and Providence Plantation, convened at Providence on Wednesday the First Day of January,(1) A. D. 1777.

This Committee taking into consideration the great importance of procuring the earliest and best Intelligence to facilitate the Execution of measures undertaken for common defence and the great Inconveniences that have arisen from the interruption of the regular course of communication with the Southern States and with the Army by the ordinary Continental Posts, from the movements and present situation of the enemy, Do Resolve, That it be recommended to the States of New England, that Couriers be employed to ride the following Stages weekly until a regular and complete channel of Communication be opened and established by the Continental Congress,—to wit: That a Courier set out from Lebanon in Connecticut on Monday of every week, and proceed to Providence so as to arrive there on Tuesday Evening; there to exchange Mails with the Courier to the Eastward;

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(1) No letter from Rhode Island of January 7, has been found. Perhaps the following is the letter referred to, which may have been received on the 7th.—ED.

That the same Courier set out from Providence at Noon on Wednesday of each week, and return to Lebanon as soon as may be; That a Courier be employed to set out from Providence on Wednesday at Noon, and proceed Eastward through the State of Massachusetts-Bay, so as to arrive at Boston in the afternoon of Thursday, and thence to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, so that he arrive there by noon on Saturday and to set out from thence on Sabbath day on his return by the same Rout so as to reach Boston on Monday evening, and thence to Providence aforesaid, so as to arrive there on Tuesday evening; That suitable persons be appointed by the State of Connecticut and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to hire and employ such Couriers; That is, That Connecticut employ a rider from Connecticut to Providence, and that Rhode Island employ a Courier from Providence to Exeter, and that the said several States settle and affix the intermediate stages in their respective limits; That all private Letters received by said Couriers be put into the Continental Post-Office if any intervene before they arrive at the place of Delivery, and all publick Letters be delivered by them to the persons to whom they are directed or to such persons as the several States in their respective limits shall appoint; And that the respective States do request the Hon^{bl} Governor Trumbull to procure all necessary Information and intelligence from the Congress, the Armies and Southern States by Couriers, Expresses, or otherwise, and forward or communicate the same to the said several States, as the publick service may require.

That the expence of the measures above recommended be defrayed and born by the respective States in the following Proportion, viz.

Massachusetts Bay - -	12-24	Parts
Connecticut - - - -	7-24	
New Hampshire - - -	3-24	
Rhode Isl^{d} & P. Plantation	2-24	

That these Proportions be settled for this purpose only and not to be drawn into Precedent on any future occasion.

That it be recommended to the several States to communicate to each other early intelligence of the measures taken by them respectively, and Events that may take place within the same, which may affect the interest of the United States or need the concurrent exertions of the other States, or any of them.

A true Copy.
Witness R. J. Helme, Clk.

[Note. The State of Rhode Island and Prov. Plantation adopted the foregoing recommendations on the 2d and 3d of January.—Ed.]

Tuesday, Jan^{y} 14th, 1777.

Voted, That the Hon. Col. Bartlett be added to the Committee to repair to the County of Grafton & other places to settle the Difficulties & Grievances subsisting among the people there respecting the Form of Government in this State and for ascertaining the Election of a Councilor for said County of Grafton. [Concurred.]

From Records of Council, Jan^{y} 14, 1777.

Col^{o} Walker, one of the members returned to sit in Council for the County of Rockingham, attended this day, and after taking the oath, took his seat at the Board.

The Report of the Com^{tee} of both Houses on the letters & requisitions of his Exc^{y} Gen^{l} Washington, Gen^{l} Schuyler Gen. Ward & others concerning the raising & forwarding the Continental Battalions &c. being read & considered, [P. 61.] Voted, That the following Resolve be passed, printed, & Dispersed among the recruiting officers:

Whereas Orders have Issued to several recruiting officers in this State, appointing them to Enlist men for the Continental Service, to serve during the Warr, Promising the Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers Twenty Shillings per month to be paid by this State in addition to the Continental pay: the giving which additional wages has been Disapproved of by the Continental Congress, and it appearing Necessary that those Troops should be immediately raised, and that the persons who engage in so noble a Cause as the Defence of their Country should have a generous reward therefor, a gratuity or Bounty equal to the twenty Shillings pr. month first proposed should now be given; Therefore Resolved that every non-commissioned Officer & private Soldier belonging to their State who shall enlist for three years or during the present Warr with Great Britain, shall, in addition to the pay & Encouragement given by the Continental Congress Be Entitled to receive the sum of Twenty pounds On his passing muster, to be paid in Treasurer's Notes, payable in four years from the date with six per cent. pr. Annum Interest, the Said Interest to be paid annually; Such Soldier providing himself with a Good fire-arm & a Bayonett fixt thereto, a Cartouch box and Knapsack—And all those persons who have enlisted on the former Encouragement of having Twenty shillings per month added by this State to their wages, shall have the offer of reinlisting on the present plan, and on their re-inlisting & passing muster shall receive the Said twenty pounds bounty; but such as refuse to reinlist shall be held to serve on their first Enlistment—That the raising the Continental Troops be forwarded in Preference to all other business, and that they be sent forward to Ticonderoga in small parties as fast as raised—That Orders Issue to those already enlisted to march without delay—That Officers be appointed to recruit, leaving some vacancies in Col^{o}. Scammell's regiment untill he arrives—That the recruiting officers have money from this State to pay the Continental Bounty—That six muster-masters be appointed to pay the Bounty given by this State to the men when they Pass muster, also administer the necessary oath to them—That some persons be imediately appointed to provide ten thousand pounds weight of Bread and as much Pork and Beef at or near Charlestown, and that a Commissary be appointed [P. 62.] there to deliver seven days allowance to the men as they arrive there to Carry them to Ticonderoga—That all non-Commissioned Officers & private soldiers who shall march in this present month of January, shall have three pence per mile for travel from their homes to Charlestown, paid by the muster-masters, and not to have waggons provided. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the vote of this House of the third day of Jan^{y} instant concerning the Soldiers being supplied with

Cloathing & other necessaries of life at the first cost, be reconsidered and made void. And that the soldiers of this State who are already engaged or may hereafter engage in the Continental Service, shall be furnished and supply'd with such necessaries at the first cost with the additional cost of transportation and delivery at the place or places where the same shall be delivered. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Eliphalet Giddings of Exeter, William White of Chester, Otis Baker of Dover, Abiel Abbot Esq^r of Wilton, Thomas Sparhawk Esq^r of Walpole, and Samuel Emerson Esq^r of Plimouth, be muster masters and paymasters of the Continental Battalions now raising in this State, & that the President Notify them accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^o Samuel Hunt of Charleston be appointed an agent for this State to purchase ten thousand pounds weight of Bread, and ten thousand pounds weight of Beef & Pork for the use of this State, and deliver the same to the Commissary at Charlestown for the use of the troops to march through there to Ticonderoga. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Elijah Grout Esq^r of Charlestown be appointed Commissary to deliver out to the officers & soldiers now raising & raised in this State seven-day provision to carry them to Ticonderoga. [Concurred.]

[P. 63.] Voted, That George King Esq^r & Thomas Martyn Esq be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Treasurer of this State to Issue Notes for thirty thousand pounds, The one half in Notes of Ten pounds value & the other half in notes of five pounds value, payable in four years from the Date, and Interest at six per cent per annum, the Interest to be paid annually. Which Notes shall be in the following form, viz,

No. ( )
State of New Hampshire the..... day of........1777.

For value received for the use of the State of New Hampshire, I do in behalf of said State, hereby Promise & oblige myself and successors in the office of Treasurer, to pay to the Possessor of this Note the sum of..................Pounds, on the.........day of January 1781, with Interest at six per cent per Annum; the Interest to be paid Annually.

Witness my hand,
..........................Treasurer.
} Committee.

That the above named Committee be directed to get the said Notes printed to the value of twenty thousand pounds, and omit the other ten Thousand Pounds until an Order to them for that purpose be given by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State; And that Mr. John Smith and Noah Emery be the Committee to countersign said Notes. [Concurred.]

[P. 64.] Wednesday, Jan^y 15th, 1777.

Voted, That Capt. Trueworthy Gilman be appointed to go Express from this Court, to Charlestown and other places, to carry letters from the Hon^{bl} Board and orders to the several recruiting officers, and make return of his doings to this house or to the Com^{tee} of Safety as soon as may be. [And that Mr. Jonathan Call, go Express to the County of Strafford for similar purposes.]—[Concurred.]

[P. 65.] Voted, That the following officers be appointed to their Several offices hereafter mentioned in Col^o Scammell's Regiment, viz,

Lieut. William Scott, late of Camden, to be a Captain.
William Hawkins of Wilton, " First Lieutenant.
Samuel Breding, of Temple, " 2d Lieut^t.
Jason Russell, of Mason " Ensign.

That Lieut. Richard Weare of Hampton-falls be a Captain.
Ezekiel Gile of Plastow, 1st Lieutenant
James Wedgewood of Northampton, 2d Lieut^t.
Thomas Simpson jun, late of Deerfield, Ensign.

That Lieut. John Gregg, of Keen be a Captain
Ebenezer Fletcher, of Chesterfield 1st Lieutenant
Benjamin Ellis, of Keen 2d Lieut^t.
Joseph Tracy, of Walpole, Ensign.

Voted, That the Schooner Glasgow be permitted to sail on her intended voyage (to South Carolina) Provided She carry out no kind of West India produce for Cargo, the owners giving Bond to the Speaker of the Hon^{bl} House of Representatives to present a true Invoice of her whole Cargo on her return, and give this State the refusal of the whole or any part thereof and that the President Grant a Permitt accordingly. [Concurred.]

Thursday, Jan^y^ 16^th^, 1777.

[P. 66.] Voted to send One tonn of Powder and one tonn of Lead or bullets, and five thousand Flints (if to be purchased) to Charlestown to be delivered to Mr. Elijah Grout for the use of the Continental troops and that he deliver to each officer & soldier of the Continental troops of this State when they march for Ticonderoga, a quarter of a Pound of Powder, half a pound of Lead or bullets, two Flints, and that Said Grout be accountable for the same. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Robert Wilson Esq^r^, Imediately repair to Portsmouth and apply to the Continental agent for lead and Flints to be sent to Charlestown for the use of the Continental Troops as they pass through there. [Concurred.]

Letter from Col. John Langdon, relating to lead and flints.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 35.]

Portsm^o^, Jan^y^ 17, 1777.

SR—I Rec^d^ by Robert Wilson Esq^r^. a Vote of the Hon^bl^ Assembly respecting the Lead and flints: to which I answer, I had ten Tons of lead and One hundred Thousand flints from France, All of which has been sent to Ticonderoga and General Washington, (except, ab^t^ two tons of lead and three thousand flints) which are for the use of the Continental ships, agreeable to the Orders from the Hon^bl^ Congress. However, as I think this of importance, shall myself justified in Sparing ab^t^ fifteen hundred weight of lead, and Some flints,—Say One thousand or more if its possible to do without them on board the Ships, which shall be delivered, whenever the team calls for them.

I am with all due respect,
Your's & the Hon^bl^ Assemblys
Most Obed^t^ Serv^t^,
JOHN LANGDON.

Jos. Badger, Esq.

[P. 67.] Voted, That the officers of each Company have & receive out of the Treasury of this State a Sum not exceeding two hundred pounds at this time, they to be accountable for the Same, and to be further supply'd from time to time As Occasion may require, and that the President give orders Accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Lieut. Zachariah Beal of Portsmouth be and hereby is appointed a Captain in Col. Scammell's Regiment in the Continental Service, & Robert Pike jun^r^ of Newmarket be first Lieutenant, that Joseph Boynton of Stratham be Ensign of Said Company.

[P. 68.] Friday, Jan^y^ 17^th^ 1777.

The report of the Committee on General Washington's Letter concerning the Exchange of Prisoners &c. being read & considered,

Voted, That all the Prisoners of war in this State be collected together, Including those in Goal taken with Major Rogers, and sent as soon as may be to the Island of Rhode Island agreeable to General Washington's Direction, under a guard not exceeding twenty men, and that monies be drawn out of the Treasury to pay the expences thereof. [Concurred.]

Whereas there may be Some Inhabitants of this State disaffected to the Government thereof and desirous to remove themselves their families & Interests there from—To remove all cause of Complaint from such persons, It is therefore

Resolved, that hence forward all & every such person or persons shall have full and free liberty within three months, after passing this Resolve, to depart out of this State with their Families & Effects and to go to any other parts of the Globe they may chuse, and before their departure they shall have full power to sell their Intrest or any part thereof to [P. 69.] any person or persons who shall appear to purchase the Same—Provided such Person or Persons shall thirty days at least before his or their Departure aforesaid give in to the selectmen of the Town where such person or persons dwell, his or their name and intended Departure—and the Selectmen to whom such information shall be given, are hereby required to transmitt the same as soon as may be, to the Secretary of this State for the time being, and such person shall before the Experation of the thirty days afores^d^ cause such notice to be published three weeks successively in the Public Newspapers of this State.

The Report of the Committee on the Propriety of disposing of the cloathing now on hand in this State to the Soldiers marching to Ticonderoga, being read & considered, Voted, That General Folsom be directed to Deliver out the cloathing at the prime cost to the said soldiers, they paying for the same. [Concurred.]

[P. 70.] Voted, That Capt. Jeremiah Eames be directed to Enlist and keep in the service of this State ten more men as a Scouting Party to be employed at or near the Great Cohos, untill the fifteenth day of April next, in addition to the ten already Voted; and that he Enlist no more of the Inhabitants of that place for said service than those he has already enlisted there. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Samuel Cutts, Esq. be & hereby is appointed agent Victualler to the Troops at Piscataqua Harbour within this State, and that Mr. Joseph Leigh of Portsmouth be Commissary to the said Troops. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Jan^{y} 18th 1777.

[P. 72.] Voted to choose a Com^{tee} of two to join such as the Hon^{ble} board shall appoint to Revise the Acts & Laws of this State and to frame and draw up such bills as are necessary for this State, and also to draw up a Table of Fees for the several officers of this State, in the recess of the Gen^{l} Assembly, and to lay them before this house at the next session, and that Mr. Whipple & Sam^{l} Gilman jun. Esq^{r} be the Committee of this house for that Purpose. [Concurred—William Parker, jun Esq^{r} added.]

Voted, That the muster masters & pay masters of the Continental Troops now raising in this State be directed to pay them their travelling money as well as their bounty, when they muster them. [Concurred.]

Acc^{ts}, petitions, bills, &c. passed on by the House and concurred by the Council, from Jan^{y} 9th to 18th, 1777. [See Rec. of Council.]

£90 advanced to John Langdon, on account of Matthew Thornton, at Philadelphia.

£800 drawn from Treasury to pay off Col. Long's Reg^{t} from 7th Jan^{y} to 7th Feb^{u} next.

Vote to pay Council & Assembly the same as last year.

£900 to pay Col. Long's Reg^{t} from 7th Dec. last, to 7th Jan^{y} inst.

Acc^{t} of Daniel Brainard, pd. 19^{s}/8d.

Balance of Col^{o} Evans acc^{t} £4: 19: 4, assumed by the State.

On petition of Mons. L'Eglize, granted him 50 dollars and board for 3 weeks, to carry him to Gen^{l} Schuyler.

The Treasurer directed to lay his acc^{t} before the House.

Recruiting officers ordered to make immediate returns.

Jonathan Child appointed muster master in place of Samuel Emerson, Esq.

Acct. of Israel Morey, for paying soldiers for New York, all^{d} and pd. £9: 10: 8.

Com^{tee} to audit Col Morey's acc^{t} for fixing off Col. Bedell's Reg^{t}.

Acc^{t} of David Copp, all^{d} £6.

£400 sent by Capt. Trueworth Gilman to Col. Hunt of Charlestown and £9: to bear expenses.

Money advanced to recruiting officers. To Capt. Isaac Farwell, £200; to Lt. Jethro Head, £200; to Capt. Amos Emerson, £200; Lt. Enoch Chase, £200; Capt. Richard Weare, £200; to Capt. Zachariah Beal, £200.

P^d^ John Pinkerton's acc^t^ £9: 12, for mustering soldiers in Capt. McConnel's Company.

Committee appointed to confer with Col. Samuel Hobart about making powder.

Noah Emery jun. rec^d^ £65. to pay Capt. Brown's Com^y^ travel money from New Castle to No. 4.

Vote to pay Col. Long's Regt. for 128 miles travel.

Acc^t^ of Jonathan M. Sewall for drawing Bills for the Assembly, all^d^ & pd. £8.

Samuel Thing, all^d^ 7*s* for a journey to Durham.

Messrs. Giles and Whipple p^d^ expence of journey to Boston £1: 12: 9.

£100 advanced to Maj^r^ George Gains, as Barrack master.

Committee of Safety authorized to agree with Col. Hobart to make Powder.

Acc^t^ of Dea. Samuel Brooks all^d^ for fire wood & candles, £15.

Ebenezer Thompson, Sec^y^, pd. £30. for services.

Noah Emery, Clerk, pd. 12*s* per day, during the session, and Mr. John Smith 3*s* per day, as Assis^t^ Clerk.

Committee of Safety, allowed seven shill^s^ pr. day, for service and pay for travel, the same as members of the house.

Hon. Meshech Weare, allowed £20 for extra^y^ services to the State.

Ebenezer Thompson, for service as clerk of Council, and of the Com^tee^ of Safety, allowed 6*s* pr day, extra.

Capt. Jeremiah Eames, all^d^ £50. to supply his scouting party.

Acc^t^ of Joseph Peverly, pd. £43: 10: 1.

Acc^t^ of Emmons Stockwell, pd. £50: 1:

Acct. of William Parker, jun. Esq. pd. £4: 16.

James Rundlet, door-keeper, pd. £4: 17: 1.

Acts passed: viz. An act to Emit £30.000 in Notes to pay bounties to Continental soldiers; Act against petit treason; Act against Treason; An Act in addition to the Militia Act; An Act to regulate the prices of sundry articles.

Voted, That this House be adjourned to the second Wednesday in March next at three of the Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

Note. The Act "to regulate the prices of sundry Articles therein enumerated," is found in full in the "Record of Acts" in the Secretary's office, Concord, "1766 to 1779," which see. The following articles with their prices are enumerated.—Ed.

	£.	S.	d	Quan'y		£.	S	d.	Quan'y
Wheat, good mercan-					Mutton	0	0	3	llb.
table—*not exceed,*	0	7	6	Bush.	Veal	0	0	3	do
Rye		4	6	do	Raw-hides			3	do
Indⁿ Corn		3	6	do	Soal leather		1	6	do
Oats		2	0	do	Upper leather				
Peas		8	0	do	(in proportion)				do
Beans		6	0	do	Shoes, neat leather		8	0	pr.
Potatoes, (best in the fall)		1	4		W. I. Rum, pr Hhd.		6	8	Galls.
					pr. Single Gall.		7	8	do
at no season, over		2	0	do	Pr Quart,		2	0	
Cheese		0	6	llb.	N. E. Rum, best—				
Butter		0	10	do	pr Hhd		3	10	do
Pork, from			4¼		pr Barrel		4	0	do
to			4¾	do	Single Gallon		4	6	do
Salted pork	5			Bbl.	Muscovado Sugars				
Beef, grass-fed			3	llb.	pr. Hhd	2	14	0	Cwt.
Tallow, good tried			7½	do	pr. Barrel	8	0	0	do
Salt	0	10	0	Bush.	pr llb.	0	0	8	
Coffee		1	4	llb.	Molasses—		4		Gall.
Cotton		3	0	do					
Flax		1	0	do					
Wool		2	2	do					
Stockings		6	0	pr.					
Flannel		3	6	yd.					
Tow-Cloth		2	3	do					
Linnens—		4	0	do					
Cotton Cloth Cotton & linen		3	8	do					
Iron-bar	2	0	0	Cwt					

Traders not allowed to sell, at over 20 per cent on whole sale price.

Goods at vendue, not over the foregoing prices.

Labour on farms in summer, not to exceed 3s. 4d per day.

Labour of mechanicks and tradesmen—according to common wages as heretofore.

CORRESPONDENCE,

BETWEEN THE TIME OF ADJOURNMENT JANUARY 18th, AND THE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY, MARCH 12th, 1777.

Letter from Col. Pierse Long.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 39.]

Portsm°, Jany 20th, 1777.

SR—A soul animated with love to its country And at the same time fired with resentment to its enemies must at times break forth in a manner not altogether pleasing to Some. The greatest trouble that ever came across me, since these times Commenced, has been of late. I, through a tender regard to those under my Command, (and that only) was induced to Say as much as possible for them, that they might be put above reflection. I knew the Requisition I made was just, which caused me to make it: and am sorry to say, instead of its having the intended effect, Viz (Justice) it was by many construed into an unwillingness on my side to take that Tour; I really thought *you* might have known me better. Was the tyrant of Britain on this side the Atlantic with all its force, I think I could go hand in hand with my countrymen, and dispute the cause; for I hold my life but as a cypher compared with the freedom of my successors.

The approaching difficulties in consequence of my giving marching orders, are to me very apparent, and must be also to those who do not wilfully shut their eyes. My obligations to the court are many, For that act of Generosity in voting a Return to be made to them, or their Committee of such as did not, or refused to march. I sincerely wish there may be none such; But shall rejoice to hear that every one with cheerfulness goes of. The world, I suppose, thinks me happy in the command down here;—But you may be assured, while I view my country in distress, I am always ready (not with mercenary prospects) to Spend my all in its defence any where. Ag——ts and persons with lucrative views may boast of what they *would* do, & F——ms may harangue when at safe distance from the Enemy, which induces me to say, That it is my wish they may have an opportunity to show their valour. When I took this command, you are convinced it was of 730 men to be raised, which command would have been honourable any where. You must be equally convinced that 300, not half that number, lessens that honour. But as matters now stand, honour is put out of sight.

I am still supplying the Island with wood &c. I would ask whether the Invalids are to be discharged. I have at present put them at Fort Hancock. They will answer in a Fort. The prisoners under my care are still drawing provisions, and just now apply'd for wood and Barracks. Accounts are dayly coming in to me for damages done to their houses or Barracks, and Rents for the same. Your writing to me on these several subjects by Capt. Dearing, who will deliver you this, shall be esteemed by

Your most obed^t Serv^t,

PIERSE LONG.

P. S. I have several times wrote you, and am sorry to say it, I never received any answer.

Letter from James Bowdoin of Massachusetts to Meshech Weare, relating to the Privateer Independence.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 57.]

Council Chamber, Boston
Jan^y 27th, 1777.

SIR—We have great reason to conclude that Capt. Sampson of the armed Brig^n Independence in the service of this State has been taken and carried into Nova Scotia—as we wish to take the most effectual measures for recovering Capt. Sampson & his crew from the Enemy, and as we have not at present within this State seamen Prisoners of War sufficient for the Exchange, perhaps it might be relieving your State from a burthen to allow us to avail ourselves of the Prisoners lately taken on Board the armed schooner (late Capt. Burke) or any other seamen Prisoners of War within your State, for the purpose before mentioned—Please to favour us with your sentiments on the subject by the first opportunity.

In the name & in behalf of the Council,
I am, Sir, Your most Obed^t Servant

J. BOWDOIN, Presid^t.

Hon. Meshech Weare.

Letter from Timothy Walker, jun., relating to Tories.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 59.]

Concord, Jan^y 27, 1777.

SIR—It is vehemently suspected that our Tory Gentry in this part of the country are about to communicate all the Intelligence in their power to their Brethren in G^l How's army, by the Prisoners now destined for Newport. Would beg leave to suggest it to the Committee of Safety, whether it would not be advisable to instruct the officer who shall be charged with the Prisoners to be very critical in examining their Baggage & Papers when he delivers them up.

I remain your most obed^t
and very Humble Serv^t

TIM^o WALKER, jr.

Col^o Nic^s Gilman.

Letter from H. Wentworth, relating to Tories.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 63.]

Portsm°. 30th Jan^y. 1777.

SIR—We beg leave to transmit you herewith a List of Sundry persons taken up as notoriously disaffected to the American Cause, (1) whom we have sent under a proper Guard, and you have also Capt. Odiorne's & Dalling's testimony respecting some of them. We doubt not the Hon^bl Committee will take such measures with them as will tend to procure the future peace of this Town, and of the State in General. We beg leave to refer you to Capt. Salter as an evidence against two of them.

I am, by order of the Com^tee,
Sir, your most hh^bl Serv^t.
H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

To the Hon^ble, the Chairman
of the Com^tee of Safety at Exeter.

Commissary Orders to Nich^s Gilman.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 65.]

State of New Hampshire—In Committee of Safety
Jan^y 30th 1777.

To NICH^s GILMAN, Jun^r—

Whereas you are appointed Commissary to provide for Capt. John Haven's Company & Prisoners under his care to Rhode Island, in performing which you will consult the cheapest method in providing such victuals as is necessary allowing each man a pint of cider at a meal; also in sending forward to have seasonable meals provided twice a day at such times & places as you, with the advice of Capt. Haven, judge most convenient & will best expedite the march: Taking care to have Receipts from the persons of whom you have provisions &c, and to give a regular account of your doings on your return.

Orders to Capt. John Haven, in charge of prisoners to Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 67.]

In Committee of Safety at Exeter
Jan^y, 30th. 1777.

To Capt. JOHN HAVEN—

You are directed to take in charge the Prisoners named in the List herewith delivered you, and proceed with them to such place in the State of Rhode Island as you shall be informed the Commander of the American Troops there resides, and deliver the Letter you have in trust directed to him and solicit his advice and assistance relative to the manner of your carrying into execution the Business you are entrusted with. Then agreeable to such advice, you are to proceed & deliver the prisoners to the Commanding officer of the British troops at New Port, delivering him the List of Names of prisoners directed to General Howe, taking care that said commanding officer signs a Receipt on the other List or counterpart (which you have) that he had received said Prisoners ; and after you have performed said Business you are to inclose said List & Rec^t, in a letter of your own directed to Gen^l Washington, & deliver the same into the hands of the General officer of the American Troops or Governor Cooke at Providence desiring the same may be forwarded to General Washington as soon as possible.

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(1) See printed Records of Com. of Safety, N. H. Hist. Coll. Vol. VII. p. 73.—ED.

As a matter of the greatest importance we strictly enjoin it on you, just before you embark for Newport to cause the most particular & critical search to be made of every prisoner & his Baggage, examining their cloaths, shoes &c. after Letters or papers in their care for the enemy, and if any such should be found, Bring them to this Committee.

Very credible information has been Given that Letters & papers of a treasonable nature are in possession of the Prisoners, or rather that such are designed to be put into their hands on the journey. After examination let no man speak to the Prisoners, or come near them until you embark for Newport.

Indorsed—" Copy of Instructions
to Capt. John Haven, Jan. 30, 1777."

Letter from Joshua Gidney, a prisoner, to his father.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 73.]

Hon^d Sir—I gladly embrace this opportunity of writing you, hopeing this may find you in as good Health as it leaves me. You have doubtless before this heard of my hard fate in being removed from Dutchess County to New Hampshire, a march of 14 days which I performed on foot, but not without much fatigue. I verily believe no one hath suffered more for Loyalty than [myself.] On my arrival with about seventy of my neighbours we were had before the Committee of Safety then setting in a Town called Exeter, the present seat of Government. The Committee gave the major part of our number, of whom I am one Liberty of seeking Lodging within six miles of the State House, a Liberty we did not expect—I soon found comfortable Lodging and might have tarried but I thought a little Retirement might be best: I therefore Remov^d to a neighbouring Parish called Kensington, about 2 miles from Exeter where I now live and am well accommodated. On our march through Connecticut &c. we were told that the People of Exeter would deal with us according to our deserts, by close confinement if not hanging, as every Tory deserved; but on our arrival and ever since we have been treated with civility and by some with Respect. I verily believe that Exeter is made up of as kind Hospitable People as in Town in America, even to strangers. Some of my Brethren, I heare have safely returned to their Family and friends by permission from the New Hampshire Committee,—some have gone without liberty, among whom were 4 by the names of Hunt, Brown Rose & Mott, who were all apprehended & brought back to Exeter and confined for a while in Goal, but since have been Liberated(1) by given

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(1) Stephen Hunt was liberated on parole, in accordance with a Resolve of the Committee of New York, Jan. 28, 1777, on his "asserting a disposition to become a good subject to the State."—Ed. [State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 61.]

Bonds with suretys, which suretys they easily obtained among strangers, which act I conceive to be very friendly, when the runaways were apprehended as Friends to the King. I mention this to instance in the Generosity of the Inhabitants. I should rejoice on receiving a Letter from you. I have no prospect of being liberated soon. I add no more but my warmest wishes for your welfare here and Happiness hereafter. Please Remember me to all Friends,—from your Dutifull Son

JOSHUA GIDNEY.

State of New Hampshire.
Exeter, 30th January, 1777.

A List of British Prisoners sent from the State of New Hampshire, lately taken by Sea & Land, and brought there; sent at the desire of Gen. Washington under the care of Capt. Jn° Haven to be delivered to the Commanding officer of the British Army at New Port on Rhode Island, Jany 31st, 1777.

NAMES	RANK	CORPS.
Joseph Dean	Sergeant	Capt. Jn° Eagles Company in Col. Rogers Battalion
Stephen San	Private	
Elijah Carle	Ditto	Ditto
John Angevine	ditto.	ditto.
Jos. Carle	do.	do.
Walter Brown	do.	do.
Gilbert Myers	do.	do.
Frederick Devoe	do.	do.
Reuben Stivers	do.	do.
David Travis	do.	do.
Jonah Warden	do.	do.
Elijah Bartoe	do.	do.
Jona Austin	do.	do.
Francis Besley	do.	do.
James Sharp	do.	do.
Solomon Parent	do.	do.
Jona Ecly	do.	do.
Stephen Travis	do.	do.
James Canady	do.	do.
Moses Travis	do.	do.
Abraham Brown	do.	do.
Elnethan Appleby	Sergeant	do.
Jedediah Davis	Private	do.
Jacob Cadwell Burr	do.	do.
William Washburn	do.	do
John Charlick	do	do. Capt. Ephraim Sanford's Compy. in Col. Rogers battalion.

I hereby certify that the persons named in the foregoing List, being under the command of Col. Robert Rogers, was made prisoners by the

Americans at the State of New York, and sent from there to the State of New Hampshire.

JOSEPH DEAN, Sergeant.

Exd by D. Gilman.

NAMES	RANK	VESSEL.
Richard Willis	Captain	Of the armed Schooner George.
Jos. Hanwell	Midshipman	do.
Alexr Reed Elliot	Ditto	do.
Owens Williams	Ditto.	do.
Magnus Banks	Ditto	do.
David Garret	Gunner	do.
Henry Johnson	Boatswain	do.
William Chapple	Carpenter	do.
Samuel Mills	Sailor	do.
John Mills	do.	do.
John Scott,	do.	do.
John Garoon	do.	do.
Patrick Clark	do.	do.
Thos Sharrack	do.	do.
James Amesbury	do.	do.
John Ellison	do.	do.
Jno Blackeldon	do.	do.
Jno Keeling	do	do.
Saml Anson	do.	do.
John Loring	do.	do
Geo. Polloxfen	do.	do
Richard Singer	do.	do.
David Nadreck	do.	do.
John Fudge	do.	do.
Wm. Lewis	do.	do.

I hereby certify that the persons named in the aforesaid list belonged to the armed Schooner George which was wrecked on the 26th day of December last near Piscataqua Harbor and were made prisoners by the Americans.

RICHARD WILLIS, Captain.

Charles Hartford	Captain	Of the Ship Hero.
John Taylor	Carpenter	Do.
Edmund Butler	Boy	Do.
Dick	A negro.	Do.

I hereby certify that the Ship Hero bound from Jamaica to New York, was taken by the McClary an American Privateer & bro't into Piscataqua Harbour, New Hampr.

CHARLES HARTFORD, Master.

Lawrence Boden	Captain	Of the Ship Royal Exchange.
James Nutt		

I hereby Certify that the Ship Royal Exchange, bound from Grenada to London was taken by the Columbus an American Privateer, and brought into Piscataqua Harbour.

LAWRENCE BODEN, Master.

Letter from General Washington, relating to deserters.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 79.]

Head Quarters, Morris Town, Jan^y^ 31^st^, 1777.

GENT^n^—

The great countenance & protection shown & given to deserters by persons in the different Neighborhoods from whence they originally came, has made that vice so prevalent in the army that unless some very effectual means are fallen upon to prevent it, our new Army will scarcely be rais'd before it will again dwindle & waste away from that cause alone.

I know of no remedy so effectual as for the different States imediately to pass Laws, laying a very severe penalty upon those who harbour or fail to give information against deserters, knowing them to be such, & strictly enjoining all Justices of the Peace & officers of the Militia to keep a watchful eye over & apprehend all such persons as shall return from the army without a discharge.

In order that this most salutary measure may be carried speedily into execution, I have not only desir'd Congress to recommend it to the different States, but have myself wrote Circular letters to them all, pressing their compliance with my request. Desertion must cease of course when the Deserters find they have no shelter.

I am Gent^n^

Y^r^ mo: Obed^t^ Serv^t^,

G^o^: WASHINGTON.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, relating to the Declaration of Independence.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 81.]

Baltimore, Jan^y^ 31^st^, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—As there is not a more distinguished event in the History of America, than the Declaration of her Independence, nor any, that, in all probability, will so much excite the attention of future ages, it is highly proper that the memory of that Transaction should be preserved in the most careful manner that can be devised.

I am therefore commanded by Congress to transmit you the enclosed Copy of the Act of Independence, with the List of the several Members of Congress subscribed thereto, and to request that you will cause the same to be put upon Record,(1) that it may henceforth form a Part of the Archives of your State, and remain a lasting Testimony of your approbation of that necessary and important Measure.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen—your most obed. serv^t^

JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t^.

Hon^ble^ Assembly of the
State of New Hampshire.

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1) See *ante* pp. 200-203.—ED.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Gov. Trumbull of Connecticut.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 93.]

Exeter, Feb^y 1st, 1777.

Sir—The Committee of Safety of this State had the honor of receiving yours of the 25th ult^o.

The General Assembly of this State has passed a Law affixing the price of sundry necessary articles of Life &c. agreeable to the report of the Committees lately met at Rhode Island, with several additions—Copy of which is enclosed:—have also agreed & confirmed the several matters recommended by s^d Committee except that for giving £10 as a Bounty to soldiers enlisting for the war, which the Legislative Body of this State were of opinion they were obliged not to comply with, as it appeared to them the Quota of men allotted for this State could not be raised for that Bounty, especially when they understood that the Gen^l Assembly of the State of the Mass^a Bay had Resolved to give £20. We are greatly obliged to you for your generous offer of transmitting such intelligence from the southward as you shall have, which must serve the publick cause & will be gratefully rec^d by us.

In behalf of the Com^{tee} I am, &c.

Your most ob^t serv^t

Hon. Gov. Trumbull.

Letter from Hon. Wm. Whipple to Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 101.]

Baltimore, 3d Feb. 1777.

Sir—

I have just time to advise you by Express to Boston, that Mr. Betton arriv'd here the 19th ult^o with your dispatch & the day following a Grant was made to N. Hampshire of 100,000 Dollars; but the Backwardness of the Treasury caus'd by the removal of Congress to this place is the reason of his delay to this time, & I fear will detain some days longer, there being a large sum for the Eastern States, which its tho't best to send togeather under a sufficient Guard. Mr. Betton is very impatient to return; but I hope he will be prevailed on to wait for the money as I am confident it will be conveyed to you much sooner by him, than if it sho'd be sent after him; it gives me great pain that he sho'd be thus delayed but there is no possibility of avoiding it.

I am, Sir, with great esteem & respect

Your most ob^t serv^t

Wm. Whipple.

Hon. Meshech Weare.

Letter from Col. David Gilman, relating to complaints of his soldiers.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 95.]

(Extract.) Peeks Kill, Februa^y 3d, 1777.

Honor^d Sir—

"My officers and men very well know they were promised the same encouragement that the Massachusetts Troops were, and that they have not had;—For, in the first place, the Massa^{tts} gave their men two pence pr mile for travel, and a Waggon for each Company to transport their baggage. Our men have not had the latter; they furnish'd their men with Surgeon & medicine; ours have the former, but not the latter, and of consequence would be as well without both. The Massa^{tts} have a Store here with the conveniences of life; we have not. Rum they sell for 2*s*–6d pr. Qt.; we are obliged to give 6*s*. Sugar they have for 1*s* pr. lb. we for 1s–6d, and other necessaries accordingly.

"We are here doing little, but keeping necessary guards and Fatigues of divers kinds. Hanging of Tories, and guarding of the same. The armies in the Jersey remain pretty inactive."

David Gilman, Colonel.

Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from General Schuyler, relating to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 83.]

(Extract) Albany, Jan^{y} 31st, 1777.

Sir—"Mr. Kirkland our Missionary among the six Nations arrived here this day from the Westward with several Indian Sachems. From the Informations he and they bring as well as from many corroborating Accounts, it is past a doubt that General Carleton intends to attack Tyconderoga as soon as the Lake is passable over the Ice. It is therefore incumbent on you to send all the new Levies raised in your State instantly to Tyconderoga by the shortest Rout and with the greatest Dispatch possible."

I am, Sir, your most obed^{t} serv^{t}

Ph: Schuyler.

The President of the State
of New Hampshire.

Letter from Col. Long to the Committee of Safety.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 105.]

Portm^{o} Feb^{y} 4th, 1777.

Sr—"Capt. Osborn of the Marines on board the ship Raleigh, has enlisted 11 of Capt. Dearing's men for three years. Mr. M^{c}Clure can inform you General Ward's oppinions of that matter.

"When I was at Exeter I informed you of the two Comp^{s} under the Capts. Brewster & Perkins, refusing to march [for Ticonderoga] whose names together with such of Capt. Dearing's I now return."

Pierse Long.

To the Chairman of State Committee.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Capt. Osborne.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 107.]

State of New Hampshire.

In Committee of Safety, Feb^{y} 4th 1777.

Sir—The Committee are informed, by Col. Long, that you have enlisted as marines to go on board the Raleigh ship of War, Sundry soldiers belonging to his Regiment, now under marching orders for Ticonderoga. The Committee have seen no Resolve or Vote of Congress that will justify such proceeding, and think it very prejudicial to the public service. and that you ought to release them imediately.

A Resolve of Congress transmitted to us allows officers appointed to recruit the Quotas of men in the several States allotted for them to raise to serve during the war, to Enlist men out of other Regiments in their service, who are engaged for a short time; but is expressly limited to them, and cannot be construed to allow any other officers to enlist them, though for the war, unless they belong to the 88 Battalions mentioned in the Resolve.

Capt. Osborne. ——— ——— ———

Letter from Hon. John Langdon, to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 121.]

Portsmouth, Feb^y 5th 1777.

Gent^n—I have purchased of Capt. Moffatt his Brig^t with all her appurtenances; one of her anchors I understand is at the Smith's (by order of the State) who refuses to deliver the same. I am therefore obliged to be at the expence of a horse and man to the Hon^{bl} Committee, to Desire they would see the Anchor forth coming with all charges, as it was to be deliver'd in the like good order, as when taken from on board the Brig^t which is reasonable; this is now the Continents, and the vessell will sail to-morrow or next day, if the weather permits. I shall therefore be very thankful, if the Hon^{bl} Committee will immediately take order thereon, otherwise the vessel must be detained. What right the Smith has to Refuse the State the delivery of the Anchor, I know not: it ever has been customary to deliver the article, and then receive the pay from those who employed him and not by any means to hold the article till payment is made—this the Hon^{bl} Committee will be judges of, as it seems to bear hard on the credit of the State.

I am with all due respect
Gen^l your most hh^l Serv^t
John Langdon.

Petition of Roelof Josias Eltinge, a New York prisoner.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 115.]

To the Hon^{bl} the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire:

Humbly shews: Roelof Josias Eltinge late of Ulster County in the State of New York, that on suspicion of disaffection to the American cause he was taken up & committed to the care of the worthy Col^o Welch and by him conducted to his dwelling house in Plastow about the middle of December last, where y^r Petitioner has resided ever since with liberty of walking about his farm. That imagining he might be better, as well as more cheaply boarded elsewhere, he had requested and obtained encouragement from the Col^o that he might remove to Capt. Calfe's in Kingston; instead of which the Col^o yesterday conducted him to Exeter & caus'd him to be confined in close Goal: That your Petitioner is a person of an infirm Constitution & unable to endure the corrupted air of the Goal: Wherefore he prays he may have liberty of the six miles allowed others his friends & Neighbors—for the proper use of which he is ready & willing to give such Security as your honours shall judge adequate, & as bound shall pray, &c.

Roelof Josias Eltinge.

Exeter Goal, Feb. 4th, 1777.

Records of Comtee of Safety, p. 77.

Feby 5th. Made an order for the prison keeper to discharge Rudolph Josias Eltinge from Goal, he paying sd charges of imprisonment; said Eltinge having procured Joseph Brown & Jona Purinton of Kensington, to give Bonds, for his remaining a true prisoner within the Parish of Kensington.

Letter relating to cloathing for Col. Scammell's Regiment.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 119.]

In Committee of Safety, at Exeter, Feb. 6th, 1777.

Gent—The Bearer Colo Alexander Scammell who is appointed to the command of one of the Regiments raising in this State for the Continental service, waits on you to see if it is consistent with your Instructions from Congress, to let him have cloathing out of the Stores in your hands for his Regiment. This State, nor no one Individual in it, has been so fortunate as to Import any woolen goods since the Commencement of this war, neither is there any for sale therein, which is a difficulty we are unable to surmount, unless the men raised here can be cloathed from the Continental Stores; if not we are fearful they must go into the field almost naked, or at least with cloathing insufficient to make them in any tolerable degree comfortable or decent. Coulers for the Regiments cannot be procured in this State. Colo Scammell will give you any further Information you may need.

In behalf of the Commite &c.

Indorsed—"Copy to Comtee of Congress for clothing."

Letter from Thomas Thompson, relating to the enlistment of marines &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 125.]

Portsmouth, February 6th, 1777.

Gentn.

Capt. Osborne has just recd a letter without any signature dated in the Committee of Safety at Exeter the 4th Inst. which I must suppose comes from that Body. On that presumption only I answer as I suppose will Captain Osborne. 'Tis very strange after Colo Long has taken the Pains to send to Genl Ward & received his answer respecting those men, he should trouble the Committee of Safety of this State about the matter. Colo Long told me that Genl Ward said if the men had listed with Capt. Osborne in his Company of Marines during the War, they might remain with him ; but to tell Capt. Osborne not to enlist any more out of that Regiment: If the Genl had thought proper the men should be deliver'd up he would have ordered Capt. Osborne to that effect. Remember the men have entered as Marines not Mariners, & Marines by a Vote of Congress are on the same footing as soldiers in the land service; Notwithstanding we can keep them & are not accountable to the Committee of Safety of any State for such conduct; yet rather than any reflection should fall on us or that we should be the means of retarding the too long neglected march of Col^{o}. Long, shall agree to give them up, if he again desire it; for I shall next expect he will send to Baltimore for advice & make this an Excuse for further delay.

I must likewise remind the Committee of Safety that every discouraging method is taken in this State to prevent the manning of the Raleigh. A pretended Embargo is seemingly complied with. Here are vessels sailing every day whether with or without leave I cannot say, for I have never been made acquainted with the Embargo. It has been the custom of other Nations to include the commanders of ships of War as well as Forts in any directions for special Embargoes. An Embargo is laid & strictly adhered to in the other States, of all private property. All Privateers are stopp'd for the purpose of manning the Continental Ships of War & filling up the army. The State of Massachusetts Bay strictly keep to their first intention, insomuch that the same owners concern'd in the Privateer now in Portsmouth were obliged to bring two of their ships up from the Castle, which had been victualled & manned some time & ready for the Sea: they have petitioned & remonstrated to the Council several times since urging the Damage and great expence they had been at, but to no effect: they only received for answer, the public good must be prefer'd to private interest: This I can affirm from the Council Chamber not a fortnight ago; where I had an opportunity of hearing it. How different here! A Privateer launch'd, Rigg'd & Mann'd since the Embargo was laid (if it may be so called) The other States stop all Privat—strictly relying on their sister States to preserve the same Virtuous conduct. I beg you to consider how this matter will appear in publick. My Friend John Langdon, Esq^{r}. is concerned, to whom I acknowledge every tie of Friendship, & could I prefer Friendship to Duty & the good of the service I am engaged in should be silent in this matter. But I act from a consciousness of my own duty, which is to make you acquainted tho' late, That if the Privateer above mention'd is suffered to depart, it will bring a Reflection on this State, operate in public against Mr. Langdon and manifestly tend to the disadvantage of the public service, particularly to manning the Ship under my Command; of which I bear testimony & do remonstrate against her going to your Honours, & leave it to your further consideration, as the General Court is not now sitting.

I am, Your Hono^{s} Respectful Serv^{t}.

THOMAS THOMPSON.

N. B. 130 able Body'd men
going in this Ship would fill up
some space in the army or Navy.

To the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety
for the State of New Hampshire.
Indorsed—" Letter from Capt. Thomas Thompson.
6th Feb^{y}. 1777."

Second Letter from Capt. Tho^s : Thompson, to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. II. p. 161.]

Portsm° Feb^{y} 13th 1777.

GENT^{n}—

In whatever light you may view the Letter I sent to the Committee of Safety, I meant no reflection: I mean not to set the Legislative Body of any State at Defiance;—on the contrary, shall always think it my duty to advise with them at any time when the good of the service I am engaged in requires it—Any thing which you may look upon as a reflection I disown, however inadvertent I may have been in expressing my sentiments. If you look over your letter again, as I have mine with coolness and deliberation, I think you will be of opinion nothing can justify the conclusion,—such an ungenerous reflection from a public body is unpardonable — Let me have eversomuch forgot myself when I wrote to them, I am willing to submit my conduct to the Strictest scrutiny;—I shall here avoid any expressions that may create uneasiness, as this would give pleasure to our internal, and my secret enemies, of which sort there are too many: but I must desire that you proove or disaproove your aspersion, if it is meant to me—my mind is too sensible of Injuries ever to forget that the Legislative Body of this State, has in an oblique manner thrown out hints against my honour, which I have ever held sacred and inviolate. I cannot think myself a fit servant to the United States until it is wip'd off. In defiance of the most inveterate enemies and the expectations of that Justice you are bound to show I conclude; with respect, Gentlemen,

Your most ob^{dt} Hhb^{l} Serv^{t}

THO^{s}: THOMPSON.

To the Hon^{bl} the Committee of Safety.

Letter from Capt. Osborne, on the same subject as the foregoing.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 129.]

(Extract) Portsm° Feb^{y} 6th, 1777.

GEN^{t}—"You are pleased to acquaint me that Col° Long has informed you that I have enlisted some of his soldiers, belonging to Capt. Dearing's Comp^{y}, w^{ch} I tho't I had a right to,—as my orders from the Grand Congress are—To enlist for three years: Upon w^{ch} I cannot but believe I have a right so to do; tho' you have in your letter excluded, as not having any Rank or Concern wth the Army to be raised. I think, Gentlemen, if my Company is to be ruled & commanded by the Regulations of the army, I must in consequence reckon my Department as a part of the same—having orders from the Major of Marines to fill my company equal to the Land service.

"As for those soldiers being enlisted to serve their country by sea, I had their own officers who said, If I did not Enlist them, they knew they would not go with them.

"I must confess, Gen^{t} I am surprised—when after Col° Long should tell both Capt. Thompson and myself that Gen. Ward should write him to give up the men already enlisted with me, but not to suffer any more to go (w^ch^ we assur'd the Col° we would not) that after this, he should trouble you on this account!

"I mean not to vindicate an Error: but as an officer I think it my duty to stand for my conduct, till by any further proof I am convinced to the contrary, w^ch^ as soon as I am, shall look upon it as my Duty to obey.

"If Col° Long should further desire these men, I will deliver them up rather than it should be a means of retarding his march to Ticonderoga."

I am, Gen^t^, with respect
Your most ob^t^ Hh^bl^ Serv^t^
GEO: JERRY OSBORNE.

To the Hon^bl^ the Committee of Safety
for the State of New Hampshire.

Application for Fire-Arms, to Gen. Ward.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 131.]

State of New Hampshire:

In Committee of Safety, Feb. 6th, 1777.

SIR—This State are reduced to the necessity of asking from the Continental Stores, a number of fire-arms for the men raising therein for the Continental service. The loss of arms at the Cedars, (1) those from time to time stopped from men who left the army, and put into Continental Stores hath taken from us the best muskets that belonged to the State: Scarce a man who returned from the army (except the militia bro't) but what came without any: And we are unable to furnish enough fit for service for one half (or perhaps one third) of the three Regiments raising here. Col° Scammell's who commanded one of said Reg^ts^ waits on you for the above purpose. Also to solicit cloathing & Coulers for his Reg^t^, which cannot be procured in this State.

Gen. Ward.

Letter from Gen. Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 133.]

Head Quarters, Morris Town, Feb^y^ 7, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—As the arrival of a sufficient quantity of small arms from Europe in time to arm the Continental Troops is a matter of great uncertainty, proper steps should be taken immediately in y^r^ State to collect all that can be purchased from private People.

The custom of hiring them for the campaign is attended with many bad consequences: The owners take little care of them & carry them away, or sell & change them when they please.

Particular attention should be paid to the quality of the Fire lock; no trash or light arms should on any acc^t^ be received in the Public Store:

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(1) See *ante*, p. 153.—ED.

If they are not substantial both in Stock, lock & barrell they should be thrown upon the hands of the Commissary who purchased them.

I am, with the greatest esteem and regard
Yr most obedt Hhbl servt
Go: **Washington.**

Honb Convention of
N. Hampshire.

P. S. Letters from Genl Schuyler inform me that the Port of Tyconderoga is left almost entirely naked; that it is in no situation of resistance: You will therefore be pleased to hurry on your Regimts and order them immediately to that place.

Letter from Hon. Saml Ph'ps Savage to the Committee of Safety, relating to sending a vessel to sea.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 143.]

War office, Boston, 8th Feby 1777.

To the Honbl the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire:—

May it please your Honors:

The General Assembly of this State having impowered the Board of War among other Business, to fit out a number of Ships &c. for supplies of Clothing & military Stores for the approaching Spring, We have in consequence thereof purchased of William Dennie the Ship Bunker-hill & her Cargo, John Clarke, Master, in your State, and as the vessells fitted out by this State were excepted in the general prohibition, We pray your honors to give immediate orders to the proper officers for the permission of said ship & Cargo to proceed to Sea, any prohibition of Embargo to the contrary notwithstanding.

By order of the Board
Sam. Ph's. Savage, Presidt.

Certificates of money sent to New Hampshire, by the Continental Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 135.]

Baltimore, Feb. 8, 1777.

Dr. Sir—I have the Honor of sending you pr. favour of James Betton and William Gregg, the following Continental Loan Office Certificates, viz.

Three hundred & eighty nine,	400 dollars each, is	155,600
One - - -	500 - - - -	500
And Twenty-five	600 - - - -	15,000
		171.100 dollars.

Amounting to one hundred & seventy one thousand one hundred Dollars; which Certificates you will please to deliver to the Commissioner of the Loan office in your State requesting him at the same time to number them agreeable to the directions herewith sent and to dispose of them agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress and the Instructions heretofore sent pr. favour of Capt. John Doughty, with the 263 Certificates of 300 Dollars each (which hope long before now are come to hand) and the Instructions from the Treasury Board herewith sent. I am further to request That on receiving the Certificates you give the above named —— —— —— —— duplicate Receipts for the same in order that they may transmit one of them to me.

I am with much esteem and regard
Dr Sir, your most obedt servt
M. Hillegas, Cont. Tr.

The 389 Certificates of 400 Dolls each
to be numbered No. 1 a. 389 inclusive
The One Certificate of 500 dollars, No. 1.
The 25 Certificates of 600 dollars each No 1 a. 25 inclusive

N. B. Should be glad of a few lines from your Commissioner to know how he goes on.

The Honbl the President of the Council
of the State of New Hampshire.

Invoice of Money & Certificates in Box marked H.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 137.]

200	Griffeth & Asquith,	Class 17,	del. 5,	Emiss. 6th	26,000
200	Do.	17 -	- 7 -	- 6th	26,000
200	Barrell & Hillegas - -	2 -	- 3 -	- 6th	26,000
200	Wm. Lux	No. 5 -	- 7 -	- 3d	2,000
150	B. Brannan	13 -	- 7 -	- 3d	1,500
142	J. Dorrey & Gaither of class	6 -	- 1 -	- 6	18,460
	Do. - - - - -	Do. -	- 2 -	- Do	
9	Bills - - - - - - - - -				40
					100,000

A Bundle containing 389 Certificates of 400 Dollars each to be numbered No. 1 a. 389 inclusive

1 Certificate of 500 Dollars, No. 1.

And in a small Bundle for N. Hampshire, twenty-five Certificates of 600 Dollars each to be numbered No. 1 a. 25 inclusive.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, relating to money for New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 155.]

(Extract) Baltimore, Feby 8th, 1777.

Gentlemen—"By the return of Mr. Betton & Mr. Gregg you will Receive a Box marked H. Containing one hundred Thousand Dollars, an advance to the State of New Hampshire for publick service, and for which your State is to be accountable. This money would have been sooner sent, but the Removal of Congress from Philadela & the consequent Stoppage of all Business for a season, has been the occasion of the Delay.

The Gentlemen who were some time ago recommended as Field Officers for the Continental Battalion, are approved, & by their applying to General Washington will Receive their Commissions."

I am with respect, Gentlemen
Your very hum^{b} Serv^{t}.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

P. S. I have advanced Mr. Betton four hundred Dollars towards the Expences of Conveying the money, for which he is to acc^{t} with you, & you will please to transmit the settlm^{t}.

Hon. Assembly of New Hampshire.

Instructions to James Betton & William Gregg, in regard to the transportation of money &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 147.]

Baltimore, Feb^{y} 11th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

You having taken the charge of a waggon with money, you will proceed therewith agreeable to the following Instructions:

Make the best dispatch to the city of Philadelphia, and on your arrival there apply to the Hon^{ble} Robert Morris Esq. one of the Committee of Congress, and desire him to order you a suitable waggon with four horses; when that is effected unload the waggon you take from hence, and send it immediately back to this place, and when you have loaded the money in the other waggon, you will proceed on untill you arrive at Fish-Kill; you are there to deliver the money design'd for Albany to the Hon^{bl} Convention of New York, or the Commanding Officer & request them to forward it as directed to the paymaster at Albany. From Fish-Kill you will proceed to Hartford & deliver one Box of Money marked C. O. to the Hon^{bl} John Lawrence, Esq. Treasurer, & deliver him my letter, directed to Governor Trumbull; from thence you will go on to Boston in Massachusetts Bay, and deliver to Henry Gardner, Esq^{r} one Box mark'd H. G. M. & two Boxes E. H. to Eben^{r}. Hancock, Esq. dep^{y} pay master General; from thence proceed to New Hampshire & deliver to the Treasurer one Box mark'd H. You will please to make the greatest dispatch in your power & take particular care that the waggon is constantly guarded, & be very attentive to the money in the night; You will deliver your letters safe to the persons to whom they are addressed.

I have put in the waggon a small trunk directed to R. T. Paine, which you will please to deliver to Tho^{s} Cushing Esq^{r}. at Boston.

Shou'd you want any assistance on the road apply to any persons, & shew them the order delivered you herewith, and they will afford you Aid.

Be as frugal of expences as possible. I have given you four hundred dollars, with which you are to pay the expences of all the gentlemen who attend the waggon; you are also to pay the expences of the driver & horses;—So soon as you have deliver'd the money at New Hampshire, you will discharge the waggon with Orders to return im-

OF CALIFOR

mediately & transmit to me the time of its discharge. You are to Account with the Assembly of New Hampshire for your expences, who will settle with you & desire them to send me the account.

I wish you a Good Journey & am,
Gent^{n}. your humble Serv^{t}.
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^{t}.

You will settle with Mr. O'Brien for his detention, in the Same proportion as the State of New Hampshire adjust the Rate of your Detention. He was detain'd thirteen days.

To,
James Betton, William Gregg, Jeremiah O'Brian & Josiah Thorpe, Esqr^{s}.

Letter to Capt. Osborn, relating to Enlistments.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 139.]

In Committee of Safety, Feb^{y} 8, 1777.

SIR—Yours of the 6th Instant was deliv^{d} by Capt. Mead. You say that a Letter from the Com^{tee} came to your hands without any signature. It is likely in the hurry the Committee then was in that it might be sealed up without signing.

The Committee, desirous of promoting the publick service, and in consequence of Col. Long's solicitations wrote you their opinion of the Impropriety of Enlisting men belonging to said Col. Long's Regiment; and are still of the same opinion; as you cannot pretend your Company is included in the Eighty-eight Battalions expressly named in the Resolve of Congress as having liberty to recruit out of other Regiments in Service. Wishing you success in the service of your country, I am, in behalf of the Committee—

(Copy) ——— ———

Capt. Osborn, Portsm^{o}.

[In a letter, dated Temple, Feb^{y} y^{e} 8th, 1777 directed to Col Scammell, Samuel Breeden, declines serving as 2^{d} Lieut, in Col. S'. Regiment, on the ground, that he is "just recruiting from the Fatigues of the two last campains," and thinks himself incompetent to serve in that capacity.]—ED.

Letter from General Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 145.]

Head Quarters, Morris Town, 8th Feb^{y} 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

I have lately rec^{d} several letters from Gen. Schuyler, calling upon me in the most pressing manner to send up a proper reinforcement to secure the important pass of Ticonderoga, as he is very apprehensive that the Enemy will take the advantage and opportunity of crossing the Lake upon the Ice, and making themselves Masters of that valuable Fortress, when the Troops, whose times are nearly expired come away.

Van Schaicks Regiment, consisting of four hundred men from the State of New York, has already marched, and I beg that such number of men (belonging to the Quota you are to raise of the 88 Battalions) as are recruited, may be equipped with the greatest expedition and forwarded on to Ticonderoga. If the Regiments are not full, a proper number of officers should be left behind to compleat them, and to march them up, when they are so.

As I have mentioned this matter in one of my former Letters, it may perhaps look like a doubt of your exertions, to press it again; but when you consider of how much importance it is to prevent the Enemy from passing the Lakes and a forming a junction with their force below, I hope you will excuse my making this Request the subject of a separate Letter.

I have honor to be
Gen^tn your most ob^t serv^t
G^o: WASHINGTON.

The Hon^bl Convention of
the State of New Hampshire.

Letter from Gov. Trumbull of Connecticut, to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 109.]

(Extract.) Lebanon, 10^th Feb^y, 1777.

SIR—"I have received yours of the 1^st Inst. without signature inclosing a printed Copy of an Act of your Assembly for regulating the prices of sundry articles therein enumerated.

I am sorry to find you have deviated from the recommendation made by the Com^tee of the New England States in Providence, relative to the Bounty to soldiers inlisting into the army of the United States during the war or for three years. This state went into the *measure* to advance £10 in addition to that given to Congress, that there might be no difficulty among the New England States tending to retard Inlistments.

Congress were to take up and consider the Transactions of the Committees at their meeting referred to, on Friday the 31^st of Jan^y ult. Expect to hear the result of this important Business soon. At a Town near Brunswick the 1^st Inst. 700 of Gen^l Washington's army had a skirmish with one thousand of the Enemy. The former gained the ground so as to find 36 of them killed—the latter being recruited returned with some field Pieces, of which the former had none; they gave up the ground with the loss of 7 killed and double that number wounded."

I am with esteem & regard
Sir, your obedient, hum^l servant,
JON^a TRUMBULL.

The Hon^bl President of the Council
in the State of New Hampshire.

Letter from General John Sullivan.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 163.]

Chatham, Feb^y 13^th 1777.

Hon. & much respected SIR,—

• Your favor of the 14^th December never reached me till about a week past—since which I have had no time to answer it. All the Gentlemen officers appointed for the new army, are long since departed on the Recruiting Business; otherwise I should gladly have comply'd with your request by sending them off & supplying them with money. There would have been no difficulty in supplying Col. Scammell with the money, had he been on the spot when your letter arrived.

Your Committee appointed four Captains at White Plains. They say they could enlist a number of men out of their old companies if they had the money. I, with some difficulty, borrowed the money as there was orders not for any to be drawn out of the Chest except by warr^t from the Commander in chief who was then in Pennsylvania: however, by advice of your Committee & by the assistance of General Lee, I obtained the money giving my Rec^t to be accountable. The whole amount was 2880 Dollars, viz. 720 to each of the four Captains. I paid to Captains Scott, Gilman & Robinson & took their Receipts in behalf of the State. The other Captain was absent. I desired Captain Gilman to take the money & convey to him; he thought best for him not to Risque it, but promised to send the other Captain to me; but our perpetual Hurry & constant marchings, I suppose prevented. My hurry at Morristown & sudden removal to the advance post prevented my attending to it while Capt. Gilman was here, and the misfortune is that I have intirely forgot the man's name, so that it is out of my power to tell whether he is at home or here. or whether he is dead or alive. I am so far removed from the New Hampshire Troops and so constantly employed, that I have as yet had no opportunity to forward it to your State whose property it is.

Capt. Dearborn is now here; I will endeavor to forward it by him, with the Receipts, which you will be kind enough to keep for my security and that of the State; he will set out in about a week.

I hope, dear Sir, the Assembly of our State will pardon me for not writing them oftener of the State of affairs in the Army;—of our victories & defeats, advances & Retreats; but I have many things to allege in excuse: I don't recollect that I am a letter in debt to the Assembly (or one of its members) as none of them except yourself have ever honored me with a line. All of yours I think I have punctually answered. I have been so full of Business that I could not find time to write; but still I have a more weighty reason, which is, That I cannot give an account of a victory or defeat where I was an actor without saying something for or against myself; & I have a great aversion to writing against myself & to write in favor would be evidence of a very suspicious kind. Indeed, I always had an aversion to fighting upon paper; for I have never yet found a man well versed in that kind of fighting, that would practice any other. Perhaps you may want to know how your men (the Yankees) fight: I tell you exceeding well when they have proper officers. I have been much pleased to see a day approaching to try the difference between Yankee cowardice & southern valor. The Day has or rather the days have arrived, and all the General Officers allowed & do allow that the Yankees cowardice assumes the shape of true valor in the field; and the Southern valor appears to be a composition of boasting & conceit. General Washington made no scruple to say publicly that the remains of the Eastern Regiments were the strength of his army, though then their numbers were comparatively speaking but small; he calls them in front when

the Enemy are there; he sends them to the rear when the Enemy threatens that way; all the general officers allow them to be the best of Troops. The Southern officers and soldiers allow it in times of danger, but not at all other times. Believe me, Sir, the Yankees took Trentown before the other Troops knew any thing of the matter more than that there was an engagement, and what will still surprise you more, the line that attacked the Town consisted of eight hundred Yankees & there was 1600 Hessians to oppose them. At Princetown, when the 17th Regt. had thrown 3500 southern militia into the utmost confusion, a Regiment of Yankees restored the day. This General Mifflen confessed to me;—though the Philadelphia papers tell us a different story. It seems to have been quite forgot, that while the 17th Regt was engaging those Troops that 600 Yankees had the Town to take agst the 40th & 55th Regts which they did without loss owing to the manner of attack; but enough of this; I don't wish to reflect;—but beg leave to assure you that Newspapers & even Letters don't always speak the truth. You may venture to assure your friends that no men fight better or write worse than the Yankees, of which this Letter will be good evidence. Dear Sir, I am with much esteem, your most
obedt servt

JNO SULLIVAN.

Honble Meshech Weare, Esq.

Letter from the Council in Massachusetts to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 167.]

(Extract) Council chamber, Boston, Feb 13, 1777.

SIR—"We wrote you lately, desiring you would let us have a number of Prisoners in your State in order to send them to Halifax in Exchange for some prisoners there, but have not as yet Received any answer: be so good as to advise us as soon as may be upon this subject."

Hon Meshech Weare. JERE: POWELL, Pres. pro temp.

Answer to the above.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 171.]

(Extract) In Committee of Safety, February 15, 1777.

SIR—"With respect to the prisoners here, we have none: Previous to our receiving your request for them, Genl Washington ordered all that were in this State to be sent to Rhode Island, which order was obeyed."

Honble Jeremiah Powell.

Letter from Lieut. Worthen to the Committee of Safety, relating to affairs at Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 175.]

Ticonderoga, Feby 16th, 1777.

To the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire.

GENTLEMEN—Although unknown to most if not all of you, I take it to be an incumbent duty on me to inform you of the State of Coll.

Long's Regiment at this Port. I am sorry, Gentlemen, to inform you that here is not more than fifty men belonging to our Regiment,—we are under such disgrace (on the account of our being sent away in such small parties and nothing more than a Lieut to command the Regiment at this port.) that I fear the stain will not be easily wiped away. And Gentlemen, I must tell you that most if not all the Blame falls on the State: the Commanding officer at this port told me he never knew a Regiment marched in such a d—— manner as ours is; since I came first here they have dropped in two or three at a time. I have been here fifteen days & brought with me twenty-two men, and was the first of the Regiment that arrived at this place. Since that time the Regiment only amounts to fifty men; there is a neglect some where. I would the right persons may bear the Blame. If the Regiment had been sent in proper order, both the State & Regiment would have had credit on their arrival; as I am persuaded there is not twelve hundred fighting men on the Ground and most of them Militia whose times are almost out when as far as any thing I now see the lines will be left almost naked. It is a fine place far beyond my Expectation. We have a plenty of good provisions and of sauce and all articles that is allowed us. Our few men are well contented and think themselves happier here than at Portsmouth; and truly, I have no desire to return till my engagement is out; but, Gentlemen, not to trouble your Honours with trifles, I must ask your pardon for using so much plainness; But what I have writ are facts too obvious to be hid from any unprejudiced person so I conclude, Gentlemen, Yours & the Country's

Humbl. Servt.

EZEKIEL WORTHEN, jun.

P. S. There is now at this place One Jersey Regiment whose times were out the eighth instant and wait only for Troops to relieve them, and one Company of Riflemen: No other troops beside what is mentioned.

Letter from General Schuyler to Nicholas Gilman, Esq.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 177.]

Albany, Feb^y^ 17^th^ 1777.

SIR—Your letter of the 8^th^ Instant was delivered me on the 16^th^ at night. I am extremely sorry to find such an almost universal Reluctance in the Inhabitants of the Northern States to enlist in an army, upon the Strength of which their all depends—for Experience has evinced how very inadequate the best militia are to carry on military operations.

The militia of the Massachusetts Bay now at Ticonderoga have only one month longer to serve before their time expires. Repeated experience justifies the assertion that very few of our troops will remain a Day longer whatever may be the consequences to the public. Let me therefore most earnestly repeat my request that Troops be sent up.

Whatever fire-arms are in this Department, are extremely bad indeed; many of them irreparable, and in the whole I believe, under two thousand. The Regiments to be raised in this State still unprovided for, so that you cannot make much dependence on a supply from this

Quarter. We shall however, give all we can without discrimination to such troops as arrive first on the ground.

I am, Sir, your most obe^t serv^t
PH: SCHUYLER.

Nicholas Gilman, Esq.
Chairman of the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire.

Letter from Gov. Cooke of Rhode Island relating to Counterfeits.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 179.]

Providence, Febr^y 19th, 1777.

GENT^n—There hath lately been passing within this State, a number of Forty Shillings Bills or Notes signed Nich. Gilman, Receiver General, which we suspect are Forged. They are printed upon a different Paper with different Types from the Notes which used to circulate heretofore. Some of the Notes appear quite new and clean, and others dirty as tho' done with Design. Some of them of the same Emission are made payable on the 20th of December 1781, and others the 20th of December 1782, for w'^{ch} Reasons they are suspected. We have sent by Mr. Mumford one of the Notes for your inspection & desire that you will give us your opinion whether it is a true one or not.

We have taken up one Person who was passing them and committed him to Jail: there were found upon him several Bills of the Massachusetts State altered from 1*s* to 10*s* & 2*s* to 20*s* & some of the smaller Denomination of Bills of this State altered in the same manner. They in general are very well executed, but may easily be discovered by holding them up to the light,—when the Paper appears thin, where it was scratched, and the alteration made by striking a different Denomination in the Bill with Types.

I am, Gent^n. in behalf of the State
Your most Obed^t hh^{bl} serv^t.
NICH^s COOKE.

Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety
New Hampshire.

Order relating to prisoners from New York.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 181.]

State of New Hampshire.

In Committee of Safety at Exeter, Feb^y 20th, 1777.

To MOSES KELLEY Esq. keeper of the Goal for the County of Hillsborough in said State: You are hereby permitted to Liberate any or all those prisoners who are under your care (belonging to the State of New York) they & each of them giving bond, with two sufficient sureties belonging to this State, in the sum of five hundred pounds, in common form, to the Speaker of the Hon^{bl} House &c. conditioned that they & each of them, shall remain true prisoners within the Town of Amherst or Goffstown in said County, & neither do or say any thing against the cause of America, nor in favour of the Claims of y^e King of Great Britain upon the yᵉ United States, & become good & faithful subjects of said States, till the further order of the General Assembly of this State, or the Committee of Safety in yᵉ recess thereof.

Indorsed—"Copy of orders
to Sheriff Kelly; Feb. 1777."

Letter from the Hon. John Hancock, inclosing Resolves &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 183 & p. 173.]

(Extract.) Baltimore, Febʸ 20ᵗʰ, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

"In consequence of the proceedings of the Several Committees from the States of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, being laid before Congress, they have come to the inclosed Resolves, which I am commanded to transmit to you."

In Congress, February 15, 1777.

Resolved, That considering the situation of the New England States, Congress approve of the measures adopted and recommended by the Committee from the Four New England States for the defence of Rhode Island, and also of the measures to be taken for preventing the depreciation of their Currency, except that part which recommends the striking bills bearing interest, which being a measure tending to depreciate the Continental and other currences, ought not to be adopted; and it is so recommended by Congress to the said New England States.

That the plan for regulating the price of labour, of manufactures, and of internal produce within those States, and of goods imported from Foreign ports, except military Stores, be referred to the consideration of the other United States, and that it be recommended to them to adopt such measures as they shall think most expedient to remedy the evils occasioned by the present fluctuating and exorbitant prices of the articles aforesaid.

That for this purpose it be recommended to the Legislatures, or in their recess to the Executive powers of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, to appoint Commissioners to meet at York-town, in Pennsylvania, on the third Monday in March next, to consider of and form a system of regulation adapted to those States, to be laid before the respective legislatures of each State for their approbation.

That for the like purpose it be recommended to the Legislatures of the several States, to take the most effectual measures for manning the Continental Frigates fitted for the Sea in their respective States.

That it be earnestly recommended to the United States to avoid as far as possible further emissions of Paper Money, and to take the most effectual measures for speedily drawing in and sinking their Paper Currency already emitted.

That such parts of the proceedings of the said Committees as relate to the price of labour and other things be published and transmitted to the other States, together with these Resolutions.

By order of Congress.

JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Letter from Capt. Tho^s Thompson, relating to a prisoner in Goal.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 187.]

Portsmouth, Feb^y 21, 1777.

GENT^n—I have now confin'd in Goal, one Rich^d Weaver late a sailor on board the George Schooner who enter'd on board the Raleigh, but now says, he is only willing to fight for King George & would not fight for the Americans;—with many other threats against the ship & desired I would send him to Goal. I did so; but he has since relented and made many protestations against his former crimes & desires to be released & receive any punishment I may think fit to inflict; but I cannot accept any such submission, but think to punish him by sending him back to Lord Howe, which he looks upon as the greatest evil that can befal him.

I have some others on board, and therefore an example must be made to prevent the like consequences.

I must beg the favour, you will order he may be sent off whenever an opportunity offers; he may serve in exchange for a better man.

Your most obd^t serv^t

THO^s THOMPSON.

The Hon^{bl} Committee
of Safety.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to General Washington.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 189.]

State of New Hampshire—

In Committee of Safety, Feb^y 21st 1777.

SIR—The Committee had the honor to receive yours of the 23^d ult^o, and are very sensible of the great Difficulty you have been reduced to for want of a regular army; and at the same time are agreeably surprised with the glorious stand you have made with a few men, and many of these wholly undisciplined.

The officers appointed for the new army have but lately come home, and without money to pay the Bounty, which retarded the Enlistment till late. It is probable near one-half of the three Battalions are engaged, and will be filled up, by each Towns hiring their proportion, unless they are soon made up by voluntary Enlistment. We labour under great inconvenience for want of cloathing and arms. No woolen goods and scarce any fire-arms has been imported into this State since the war. The men can probably be fixed off with old cloathing sufficient for a short time, but will soon need more. Shoes, stockings and shirts can be supplied them from hence and provision is making for that purpose. Fire arms cannot be procured with us that can be depended on, and we fear not a sufficient number of the meaner sort.

By order of General Ward, two of our Battalions are directed to march for Ticonderoga, by Companies as soon as raised. One or two Companies are to march next week, and the others as soon as possible. About 200 men have already march'd from this State to Ticonderoga, half of which must have arrived there before this time.

Capt. Whitcomb's Rangers, about 100 men enlisted in this State, we hear are now under marching orders for that place.

Feb^y^ 22^d^ This moment received your two Letters of the 7^th^ & 8^th^ Inst. and shall endeavour punctually to follow the Directions, as far as possible, but must repeat that proper fire arms cannot be procured.

By order of the Committee

Gen^l^ Washington.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Governor Trumbull.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 191.]

State of New Hampshire—

(Extract) In Committee of Safety, Feb^y^ 21, 1777.

SIR—"Yours of the 10^th^ Inst. was duly received by the Courier. Nothing, but being reduced to the alternative of giving a larger bounty than was advised by the Committees at Providence or not raising the men proportioned, would ever have induced this State to depart from their recommendation: And a late measure adopted in the State of Mass^a^ Bay of proportioning the number for each Town to raise, and in consequence thereof the Towns making up the Bounty to forty Pounds, has entirely stopped the Enlisting here, & will oblige us to take the same or some similar measure or not be able to compleat our Battalions.

"Your Accounts of the manoeuvers of the Army in the Jerseys have been gratefully received, and a continuance of the like favours will be always acknowledged."

In behalf of the Comm^tee^, I am y^r^ very Hm. Serv^t^.

Hon. Governor Trumbull.

Letter from the Committee of Safety relating to prisoners from New York.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 193.]

State of New Hampshire—

In Committee of Safety, Feb^y^ 21^st^, 1777.

SIR—Since the Prisoners sent from your State to this arrived here, we have not been Honoured with a line from your Committee (except one for the discharge of Stephen Hunt) altho' we have wrote twice to you. The Prisoners taken in Roger's battle at Marinack, sent here, were by order from Gen^l^ Washington sent to Rhode Island a few days since and delivered to Lord Piercy. Three of the prisoners, viz. Benjamin Morrill, John Lawson and William Slack, broke out of the Goal in Exeter and made their Escape. The Father of Dr. Francis Weeks, one of the prisoners in Goal, an inhabitant of the State of the Mass^a Bay, a man of estate and character, and esteem'd Friend to his country, earnestly soliciting for the liberty of his only son, was permitted to give Bond in the sum of £1000 for his son's good behaviour; and having paid all the Prison expenses, said Francis was liberated.

All the others directed to be confined in Goal, still remain there; many of whom must have perished with the cold unless they had been provided with many articles of cloathing; which, with Provisions and firewood, has occasioned the advance of a Considerable sum. Several of the prisoners who were allowed to take Lodgings in a limited space on their parole, have absconded without leave: Among whom is Major Ross, and John Vandeburgh, Esq. Some few have had written Permissions to visit their Families, having previously given Bonds to return in a limited time unless otherwise liberated by your Convention or Committee.

This day Mess^{rs} Richard Snedeker, John Cooke, Matthias Cooke, Sam^l Mabbitt, Joseph Mabbitt, Stephen Thorn, Jonathan Thorn, Alexander Haise, Solomon Haight, Tim^o. Doughty & Elisha Rose, had a permit to visit their Families, having given Bonds as abovemention'd to return by the first of May unless they should obtain leave to reside at home.

We think ourselves bound in justice to the behaviour of most of the last mentioned persons, to say as far as we have had opportunity to observe, they have behaved peaceable & not spoke against the American Cause—in particular Mr. Snedeker & John Cook have done themselves honour by their demeanour in this State.

Great complaint has been made by numbers of these prisoners of the hardship of being sent from their homes without trial, and make solemn Protestation of their innocence; which, together with their continual unwearied applications for liberty to go home, has given great trouble and hindered from other Business the Gen^l Court of the State & this Committee. Perhaps not less than Quires of these Petitions are on file here. We earnestly desire some further direction relative to them, and if you think fit for them to be longer detained that you would send some particular charge of their crimes; especially those in prison, that we may *poke the same down their Throats*, to stop their petitioning, as they all plead not guilty.

If any money has been sent to this State from your State to supply the prisoners (except by Mr. Benson) it has not been deliv^d.

Committee of New York. —— ——

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 197.]

Letter from Capt. John House, relating to recruiting service, as successful, and his want of money and blankets.—Feb. 23, 1777.

P. 199. Letter from Wm. Trumbull & Abr^m Livingston of Boston, offering to supply cloathing for Col. Scammell's Regiment. Feb. 24, 1777.

P. 201. Letter from Enoch Bartlett of Haverhill, Ms. relating to sundry stores in hand, which could not be transported into New Hampshire. Feb. 25, 1777.

Letter from Francis Worcester of Plymouth, relating to Benjamin Snow, suspected of being a tory.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 205.]

In Committee of Safety of the Town of Plymouth,
February 26th, 1777.

Upon reading and considering a number of intercepted Letters signed by Benjamin Snow late an Ensign in the Continental Army, which Letters are directed to several persons in Amherst supposed to be Enimical to their country, & as reported some of them in Jale: Therefore agreed by said Committee that it appears by said Letters, that said Snow much favors the cause of the Enemies to our country, and is a dangerous person to the Community, and therefore ought to be taken care of; and as he, the said Snow is at this time in Salsbury thirty miles from hence towards Exeter, Therefore it is further agreed by said Committee, That Col. David Webster and Capt. Samuel Dearborn be desired forthwith to proceed to Salsbury or else where and use all means in their power, for the safety of this State, to apprehend and secure said Snow wherever he may be found and immediately proceed with him the said Snow to Exeter with the Letters herein referred to and deliver said Snow with said Letters to the Committee of Safety of this State for their Examination.

Francis Worcester, Ch. Com.

N. B. Said Letters are four in number.(1)

Letter from John Langdon, about Rum.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 207.]

Portsm^{o} Feb^{y} 26th '77.

Sr. As there is a quantity of Rum want^{s} for the use of the army, and there seems some Difficulty in obtain^{s} it, at the price stipulated, by reason of the rum now on hand not being of the common sort, but mostly Jamaica Spirits, which is at best 1—8 (if not more) higher proof, I submit it to the Hon^{bl} Committee, whether it would not be better to allow, in that proportion more, rather than take other steps to obtain it. I think it absolutely necessary just now, as both Town and Country seem to avail themselves of such Subterfuges (for instance) Meal selling at 5*s* per bushel, beef at 7 or 8*d* pr ℔ which they say is in proportion to the prices fix^{d} for corn and grass fed beef.

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(1) These letters, written by Benjamin Snow to some person or persons in Amherst, most probably to Col. Holland, are found in Vol. VI. State Pap. pp. 85, 87, 113. The subjoined is a copy of the first letter:

Plymouth, Jan'y 31, 1777.

Dear Sir—Could I by wishing transport myself to Amherst, you might expect to be troubled with my company this evening. But as I am deprived the Pleasure of seeing and conversing with or even hearing from you I shall employ myself in writing to you and the rest of my friends.

To see the Harmony and Friendship there is between Tories in general, especially in your place of confinement, sometimes almost bribes me to throw aside my Whig principles. Although I never could understand if persons differ in sentiment, why there should be such an abatement of Friendship, as there commonly is betwixt the League and Loyalists. Please to make my Compliments agreeable to Mr. Tenneslief reminding him of our favorite Toast—*Harmony*—should have wrote him, but the bearer, Mr. Gould is in a hurry. Hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in March;—till then, Sir, your most devoted friend and humbl servt Benja. Snow.

In the third letter is a note directed to Mr. Holland.—Ed.

With the greatest Respect, y^{r} most obed^{t} serv^{t}

JN^{o} LANGDON.

This with submission as a matter of intelligence.

Ebenez^{r} Thompson, Esq^{r}.

NOTE. Moses Emerson and Samuel Hobart, Esqrs were appointed appraisers of Rum in Portsmouth, seized by the Sheriff of the County.—ED.

Orders to the Sheriff of Rockingham County, relating to the seizure of Rum.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 213.]

State of New Hampshire—

In Committe of Safety, Feb^{y} 27th 1777.

To the Sheriff of the County of Rockingham, or his Deputy GREETING:—

Whereas George Gains of Portsmouth, Esq^{r} (who was employed by this Committee to procure Rum for the American Army) has inform'd the Committee That Robert Parker, Thomas Martin, Neal M^{c}Intire, Mark Hunking Wentworth, Jonathan Warner, Benjamin Austin, George King, Nathaniel Folsom, George Turner, Jacob Treadwell, Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, Robert Furnass, John Hart, Tertius, Daniel & Samuel Sherburne, merchants, each of them, have West India Rum in their possession more than sufficient for their own use and consumption, which they refuse to sell him for the use of said American Army at a Reasonable rate: Therefore you are hereby required in the name of the Government & the people of the State of New Hampshire (taking with you sufficient assistance) to break open any stores, Warehouses, or other places, where such Rum may be deposited, belonging to the above named persons, or in their possession, and take from thence the following Quantities of Rum: viz. from Robert Parker, four Hogsheads; Thomas Martin, Three Hogsheads; Neal McIntire, one Hogshead; Jonathan Warner, two Hogsheads; Benjamin Austin, one Hogshead; George King, two Hogsheads; Nathaniel Folsom, three Hogsheads; George Turner, three Hogsheads, Jacob Treadwell, one Hogshead, Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, one Hogshead, Robert Furnass, one Hogshead, John Hart Tertius, one Hogshead, Daniel and Sam^{l} Sherburne, four Hogsheads (if the same may be found as aforesaid) and deliver the same to the said George Gains. You are also to cause all Rum taken as aforesaid to be Gaged by a sworn Gager & make return hereof (as soon as may be) with your doings herein, to the Committee of Safety.

By order of the Committee of Safety

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Ch^{a}

Rockingham, SS. Mar. 1st, 1777. Pursuant to this Order, I have received from Mess^{rs} Daniel & Samuel Sherburne four Hh^{ds} Rum, from Thomas Martin, Esq^{r} Three Hh^{ds} ditto, from Rob^{t} Parker four Hh^{ds} ditto, from Nath^{l} Folsom, three Hh^{ds} do, from Rob^{t} Furnace one Hh^{d} & have delivered the same with the contents thereof to George Gains, Esq^{r}. I could not find that the following Persons had more Rum than they wanted for their own use, viz. George King Esq, Jon^a^ Warner, Esq^r^ Neal McIntire, Benj^a^ Austin, George Turner, A. R. Cutter, Jacob Treadwell & John Hart Tertius.

Jn^o^ Parker, Sheriff.

Note. Geo. Gains, Esq. acknowledges the receipt of the foregoing from the Sheriff, Capt. Parker, March 3d, 1777.—Ed.

Letter from Thos. W^k^ Waldron, relating to prisoners from New York.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 215.]

Dover, Feb^y^ 28^th^, 1777.

Gentlemen—

The prisoners from New York in our Goal are very desirous of soon returning to their respective homes, one of them (Bergh by name) for himself and brother requested us yesterday to recommend them to your notice. Of our own knowledge we could certify nothing, and therefore made Enquiry into their conduct from the Sheriff of the County, who informs us that the two Berghs, Capt. Baxter & his Son with some others, since being under his care, have behaved themselves orderly & well.

We have only to wish they may receive such Indulgence as their Circumstances merit.

I am, Gen^t^. in behalf of the
Comm^tee^ in Dover your hum^b^ Serv^t^,
Tho^s^ W^k^. Waldron, Chairman.

Hon^bl^ Com^tee^ of Safety,
for the State of New Hampshire.

Petition from Mrs. Sarah Elliot Parker, in behalf of her husband.

Exeter, March y^e^ 5, 1777.

Worthy Col^o^—Likewise to the rest of the worthy Committee—I now implore your honours Mercies and forgeviness for the transgression of my Husband, James Parker, as he now sincerely repints of his misdemeeniour, and as he is enlisted for three years: in less time than that he will make your satisfaction for the money which he took and he would not have so done, had it not been that he had had his pocket Book Stolen from him by the woman that had her Husband in their prison for counterfeiting money; And, worthy Gentlemen, I beg for God's sake, that your honours will forgive him so far as to give him no Stripes, for if he is to have many stripes, pray, Gentlemen, instead of that take my life from me, before he receives them. Pray, Gentlemen Grant the Request of your Hum^bl^ servant,

Sarah Elliott Parker.

Directed to Col. Scammel.

Letter from James Martin, of Bedford, relating to a furnace for casting Cannon-shot.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 227.]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire:

This will inform you, That I have erected a furnace in Bedford in this State, for the casting of Cannon shot, and have procured a considerable Quantity of Metal for that purpose: Would offer them to the State, if they need them, would be glad of an answer immediately, As also the Quantity and size.

JAMES MARTIN.

Bedford, March 10th, 1777.
Superscribed—"To the Honourable Meshech Weare, Esqr
President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire.

Copy of the Commission of Capt. Isaac Frye.

Seal

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

No. 2. To ISAAC FRYE, Esquire: GREETING: We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, Do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be a *Captain in the Third New Hampshire Regiment*, in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1776.(1) You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Captain, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders as Captain: And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in Chief for the time being of the army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, or a Committee of the States.

Witness his Excellency John Jay Esqr President of the Congress of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, the 16th day of June, 1779, and in the third year of our Independence.

JOHN JAY.

Entered in the War Office
and examined by the Board.
Attest—
P. Soult, Secretary of the Board of War.

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(1) Isaac Frye, of Wilton, was Quarter-master in the third N. H. Regiment, Col. James Reid, in 1775. In February 26th, 1777, he was appointed, by the Committee of Safety, "a Captain in Col. Scammell's Regt instead of Capt Scott, who declines." This Commission, as here given, bears date January 1st, 1776 or 1777 (the figure 6 being apparently altered from 7). March 4th, 1776, he was ordered to raise a company in Col. Scammell's Regt and receive £300 out of the Treasury to pay bounties. April 5th, 1782, he was appointed muster master at Amherst.—ED.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

A JOURNAL OF THE HON^{ble} HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, FROM MARCH 12th, 1777, TO APRIL 12th, 1777, BEING THEIR SECOND SESSION.

[P. 74.] State of New Hampshire:—

At a Convention of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire begun & holden at Exeter by adjournment on the Second Wednesday of March, being the Twelfth day of said Month, Anno Domini 1777, being their Second Session.

Benj^a Giles Esq^r Speaker pro tempore in the Chair.

The members of the House present were the same as at the Session, Dec^r 18, 1776, except the following:

Portsmouth, Thomas Martin, instead of John Pickering.
Epsom, &c. John McClary.
Concord, Col. Gordon Hutchins.
Salem, Caleb Dustin, instead of Jon^a Wheeler.
Swanzey & F. William, Joseph Hammond.
Rindge, Jaffrey &c. Enoch Hale.
Plimouth, Alexandria, &c. Francis Worcester.

[A Quorum of the Council, not being together] adjourned to

Thursday, March 13th, 1777.

Voted to choose a Com^{tee} to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{ble} Board, to consult together and report to this House, what business is most necessary to be done at this Session, and that Wyseman Clagget, Esq^r(1) James Betton, Esq^r Col. Peabody, Mr. Lovewell, Jno. Dudley, Esq^r Capt. Moulton & Maj^r Gains be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs. Bartlett, Gilman & King added.]

Voted to choose a Com^{tee} of this House to join a Com^{tee}

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(1) Wyseman Claggett, Esq., at this time, was representative from Merrimac and Bedford.—ED.

of the Hon^{ble} Board to take under consideration the Letter rec^{d} from Mr. Commissary Grout and report thereon, & that Capt. Sam^{l} Gilman, R. Wilson, Esq^{r} & Joseph Sias Esq. be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker, Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Bellows added.]

Letter from Elijah Grout, Commissary.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 47.]

Charlestown, January 21, 1777.

HONOUR'D SIRS—I have rec^{d} a Vote of the Assembly Concurr'd by the Council appointing me Commissary & by a Line from the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, informed that I am to receive Provision from Col. Hunt, who informs me that he supposes he must purchase fresh meat, which may take damage if not delt out in a short time; if delt out while the weather be cold, salt will be expected by the Soldier, which I fear cannot be procured in these parts.

The allowance pr man for meat as stationed by the Continent is, if I mistake not, one pound pr day. But the Continental Commissary last Summer delt a pound & half pr man pr day, the soldier drawing no sauss. I should be glad of orders respecting how much meat to deal out & respecting Salt. If I receive no additional orders, I shall think it my duty to deal but a pound of meat & a pound of Bread pr man pr day, and to purchase Salt if absolutely necessary.

Your very humb^{l}. Serv^{t}

ELIJAH GROUT.

To the Hon^{ble} General Assembly or
Com^{tee} of Safety for the State of New Hampshire.

Second Letter from Mr. Commissary Grout.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 225.]

Charlestown, 6th March, 1777.

To the Honourable the Council & Assembly of the State of New Hampshire &c.:

Elijah Grout of Charlestown in s^{d} State begs leave to Represent to your Honours that he being by s^{d} State appointed a Commissary to deal out seven days allowance of Bread and meat to each man raised, and raised in s^{d} State, on their march to Ticonderoga, that Col^{o} Marsh with a party of militia from the County of Glocester in the State of New York, by orders from Gen^{l} Schuyler, being on his march for Ticonderoga, applied to me for Provision for the support of s^{d} party from this place to s^{d} Ticonderoga, informing that unless he Receiv^{d} s^{d} Provision it would be impossible for him with s^{d} party, to proceed on s^{d} march; whereupon, judging it would promote the good of the common cause & for that reason meet with your Honours approbation of my conduct, have supplied s^{d} Party out of the Stores in my care; Some Continental Troops raised in other States have applied for the like supply. Pray to be further instructed as to your Honours pleasure, & my duty in such cases. Your Honours will consider that the above and like supplies will lessen the Stores in the hands of your Hon^{rs} most Humble Serv^{t}, ELIJAH GROUT.

March 13th, P. M:

Voted, That Joseph Bartlett Esqr of Newtown be imediately cited before this house to answer for his contempt of an order of the late General Assembly of the Twenty-second day of March 1776, and that the Clerk of this House be & is directed to make out a citation accordingly. Sent citation by Mr. Stephen Bartlett March 26th.

[P. 75.] Friday, March 14th 1777.

Voted to choose a Comtee to join a Comtee of the honbl Board to consider of and report to this house, upon Proportioning the Levies of men now to be raised in this State, to fill up the Continental Regiments now raising, and that John McClary, Esqr Col. Peabody, Colo Hale, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Bell, Colo Evens, Esq. Mr. Gains, Mr. Woodbery, Mr. Robie, Capt. S. Gilman, Colo Smith, Mr. Claggett, Mr. Wilson Mr. Giles, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Brainerd & Capt. Webber, be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Blanchard added.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of this house to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to take under consideration the Letter from Colo Stark to the President, & sundry Depositions or Informations concerning John Parker, William Stinson, &c. and report thereon, and that Mr. Giles, Colo Goffe, & Colo Hutchins, be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker, Mr. Bellows and Mr. Patten, added.]

Letters from Colo John Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 209.]

Pembrook, Febry 26th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—In obedience to your orders I have order'd Major Reed to March to Ticonderoga & take the command of two Companies, which will consist of the number muster'd & sworn, together with two Captains & six subs; I expect they will arrive there the 9th of March. I should take it as a particular favor, if you would send me their Commissions, as they are unwilling to go without. Likewise an order on the Conductor at No. 4, for arms, which were lodged there. All the Captains did not meet me here, so that I cannot send you a Return of the strength of the Regiment or the No without arms. I am with respect Gentlemen, your humble Servant,

JOHN STARK, Colo.

To the Honbl Committee.

Letter from Col^o Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 230.]

Derryfield, March y^e 11^th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—Agreeable to your orders, I gave notice to the officers that the Committee has been pleased to appoint for my Reg^t to meet me at Pembrook on the 25^th of Feb^y last & make Return of their Recruits; but to my great surprise, I found but four that could give me any account. I, agreeable to your orders, ordered them to get ready with all expedition to march for Ticonderoga with what men they had Enlisted, & appointed a sufficient number of officers to command the men then raised. The officers complained that they could not go without their Commissions. I therefore wrote to the Committee to send them, but have had no answer whether you would have them go without their Commissions or not. Should be extremely oblidged to your Honours to put me in some way to find these officers that is appointed or appoint others that will obey orders & do their duty, as the season is so far advanced, & it begins to be time to take the field, it is necessary that I should know whether these is to go with me or not. Had I the appointing of the officers for a Reg^t I am sensible I could have had a Reg^t full before this time; but the Committee was so Bigoted in their own opinion that they refused to take any officer for my Reg^t that I recommended, except three.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obed^t & very Hum^bl serv^t.

JOHN STARK.

To the Hon^bl Meshech Weare Esq^r.

Voted and Resolved, That Nicholas Gilman Esq^r of Exeter, be and hereby is chosen and appointed Continental Loan officer for this State, during the pleasure of the General Court of this State. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted to choose a Com^tee of this house to join a Com^tee of the Hon^bl Board to consult together about cloathing for the Continental Troops of this State and to consult about what can be procured in this State & of whom, and to report thereon; and that Mr. Giles, Col^o Nichols, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Barker, & Mr. Lovewell be the Com^tee of this house for this purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Blanchard, & Mr. Ashley added.]

Letter from Col. John Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 240.]

Derryfield, March 14^th, 1777.

HON^ble GENTLEMEN—

I should be extremely oblidged to you, if you w^d appoint a Muster master to muster some men that Mr. Jonathan Perkins Inlisted belonging to Captain Waits Company, & likewise himself, as he had not an opportunity of being muster'd. I should be glad how soon 'they were Equip'd as I expect them to join their company very soon.

Gentlemen, I am, with Respect your humble servant

JOHN STARK, Col°

P. 238.

[Letter from Noah Emery, Jun. dated Charlestown, Mar. 14, 1777, relating to the difficulty of transporting military stores, by teams.]

[P. 76.] Voted, That the Report of the Committee on Commissary Grouts Letter & request be received & accepted, and That Mr. Grout be desired to state an account of the price of the Provisions delivered to Col° March & his party marching to Ticonderoga and forward the same to Gen^l Schuyler for payment. That Mr. Grout be desired to transmitt to the Assembly an account of all Provisions by him delivered to any Continental Troops—distinguishing the number of men, the State & Regiment they belong to. That Mr. Grout be instructed not to deliver any Provisions to any Troops, but upon the application of a Commission officer, nor unless he apprehends an absolute Necessity for the Public service.

Spent the chief of this afternoon & Evening in examining Robert Moore and Col. Stephen Holland, being bro't before this house on suspicion of their being Enemical to the Liberties of America & corresponding with or conveying Intelligence to the Enemy.

Order for arrest of Col. Holland and —— Moore.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 232.]

State of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety, March 11th, 1777.

To Col° Enoch Poor:—You are desired immediately to apprehend and bring before the General Court of this State, or this Committee, Col° Stephen Holland of Londonderry, who is suspected of treasonable practices against the States. Also one John Moore of Petersborough alias Londonderry, or a man by the name of Moore of some other christian name, whom you may find was in Connecticut in Jan^y last to buy flax, and who had a brother died there with the small pox, and such person if found, also bring before the General Court or Committee for examination:—For which this shall be your sufficient Warrant. By order of the Committee. M. WEARE, Ch^n.

[Col. Ashley, one of the members returned to sit in Council, for the County of Cheshire, took his seat in the Council.]

Saturday March 15th, 1777.

Voted & Resolved, That Robert Moore of Londonderry, Yeoman, Give bond with sufficient Sureties to the Speaker of this House for the use of the Government & people of this State, viz. himself in £500, and each of said Sureties in £100, for the said Robert Moore's good behaviour during six months from this time & continue a true & faithfull subject of this State & not depart this State during said Term, and shall not do nor say any thing against the common cause of America, and that he shall at any time within said term, when called for by the General Assembly or Com^tee^ of Safety of this State, appear before the said General Assembly or Committee to answer to such matters as may be objected against him on any thing heretofore said or done any ways Enimical to the Liberties of America, and that he stand committed till this order be complied with.

[P. 77.] The House considering the affair of the Examination of Col^o^ Stephen Holland, Do order that the said Holland be discharged, and hereby is discharged & dismissed—with Honor.

Letter from the Convention in New York to the New Hampshire Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 236.]

Fish Kill, March 13th, 1777.

GENT^n^.—

The Convention of this State having very important Business before them, which rendered the attendance of all the members necessary, have dissolved their Committee for conspiracies &c, and appointed us a Board of Commissioners for that purpose.

In consequence of our application & the petitions of several persons removed out of this State as disaffected and dangerous, they have lately passed a Resolution (of which we enclose you a Copy) authorizing us to send for all persons not excepted therein and administer to them the oath of allegiance, and upon their refusal. compel them to seek protection from the enemy. Upon enquiry and examining into their respective cases, we find that the only persons within the exception of the Resolution, are such as were to be closely confined in Goal;—the others having been removed upon a General charge of enmity & disaffection to our Cause, whom you will therefore please to release & dismiss and direct them to appear before us immediately upon their return.

With respect to such as are closely confined, having been charged with the particular crimes specified in the exception, you will please still to detain them in Goal, till our Convention shall make provision respecting them, which we have no doubt but will be speedily the case, as the matter is now before them.

The Bearer, Lieut. Brett, a Gentleman whom We beg leave to recommend to your notice and attention, has 500 Dollars which he will leave with you in addition to the like sum, heretofore sent you, and if at any time you should be in advance, you may readily draw upon us and be Assured your Drafts will be immediately honored.

It is with regret that we must trouble you further with this Business, and could wish the Circumstances of our State would permit us to send for all our prisoners, and relieve you from the charge of them. At present it would be extremely improper, as we are not in a situation to try, and if guilty to punish them; besides the danger arising from the vicinity of the Enemy. However, we trust that our Government will soon be happily Established, and Courts erected for the tryal & punishment of Delinquents. In the mean time we must entreat your patience a little longer. Accept our warmest thanks for your care & attention hitherto, and be assured we entertain the highest sense of your zeal and attachment in this instance to the cause of our Country.

We cannot conclude without an apology for suffering your several Letters to remain so long unanswered, and hope you will not impute it to inattention. The matter was deferred for the advice and direction of Convention, which we could not obtain till very lately, owing to the multiplicity of other important Business before them. This you will easily suppose to have been the case when you reflect upon our critical situation for some time past, and that the whole of our attention must necessarily have been engaged in the immediate Preservation of the State.

We remain most respectfully
Your Very Humble serv^ts

EGB^t. BENSON,
MELANCTON SMITH
JACOBUS SWARTWOUT } Commissioners.

The Honorable Committee of
Safety of New Hampshire.

Monday, March 17th, 1777.

Voted, That Major Gains be appointed pay-master to a party of men now marching to Ticonderoga, belonging to Capt. Perkins & Capt. Brewster's Company in Col. Long's Regiment, viz. Three of Capt. Perkins' Company one months pay & three pence pr. mile travelling money; and seven of Capt. Brewster's Company, one months pay only amounting to £24: 16: 0. in the whole; and that Major Gains receive out of the Treasury the sum of Twenty-five pounds for that purpose, he to be accountable therefor, and that the President give order of payment accordingly. Sent up by Maj^r Gains. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^o Gordon Hutchins have & receive out of the Treasury three pounds, six shillings & six pence in full for his account of medicines for Col^o Baldwin's Regiment, procured by him of Doct. Samuel Tweedy, and that the President give order of payment. [Concurred.]

[P. 78.] Tuesday, March 18th, 1777.

Voted, to choose a Com^tee^ of this House to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to consider of and Report to this house what additions, explanations & amendments are necessary to be made to the Act for regulating the Prices of sundry Articles therein enumerated, (1) and that S. Dudley Esq^r^ Mr. Gains, Mr. Lovewell, Capt. Blood, Mr. Asa Davis, Mr. McClary, Capt. Webber be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred. Mess^rs^ Bartlett, Gilman, King & Thompson added.]

Letter from Col^o^ Timothy Bedel, relating to advance pay and defence of Coos.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 242.]

State of New Hampshire,

Haverhill 18th March, 1777.

SIR—Yours of the 20th Feb^y^ is come to hand, which contents I have noted, in regard to officers applying to the State for money advanced by them for recruits raised in Canada, I must own they had no right to do it (tho' perhaps some may have advanced some more than they received) I gave it out in Publick orders about the 9th of May last for every officer to give a Return of what men they had Inlisted in Canada, as we looked upon the four Companies I was to raise to be at that time nearly compleat, part of said Returns I have receiv'd, and the rest are not as yet come to hand, but shall Endeavour to get them as soon as possible and send a Return with my account to the Committee, or come myself. I am ordered here by General Schuyler to observe the motions of the Indians and get what Intelligence I can from them relating the affairs in Canada; I sent a scout to St. Francois, who fell in with a Body of Indians, who informed them a large Body had engaged with the British Troops and that it was judged they would this spring make an attack upon our Frontiers in these parts. We have some men here raised by this State to serve as scouts, who are under no Regulation. I was up at the Upper Cohos, and went several Nights to the Block-house to visit them, but found them absent, so that the Enemy might come and not be discovered; and unless some better Regulation is kept, we may depend upon some mischief being done before long. I have this moment rec'd Intelligence that a number of men are passing this way to Amprobagog Lake to go to Canada and unless we have some assistance here so as to intercept all going or coming this country will of course be ruined. I am very unwell and am not able to give you so full an account as I co'd wish, but I hope I shall soon be able to do it.

I am, Sir, your very hh^bl^ serv^t^

TIM^o^ BEDEL.

Eben^r^ Thompson, Esq^r^.

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(1) See *ante*, p. 471.—ED.

[P. 79.] Wednesday, March 19th, 1777.

Voted to choose a Committee to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} board to consider of what part of the Acts & Laws of this State in the last system of Laws printed in this State, are proper to be adopted as Laws of this State, and also to consider of & report what addition & amendments are necessary to be made in them & also what other Acts & Laws are necessary to be passed for the good order & Government of this State and to report the same to this house and also to draw up such bills as they find necessary to be passed and lay them before the House for consideration—and that William Parker Esq. Gen. Nath^{l} Folsom & Benjamin Giles, Esq. be the Com^{tee} of this house for those purposes. [Concurred—Mr. Blanchard added.]

[P. 80.] Upon reading the Petition of Johan Georg Weaver & considering the same, Voted That the said Weaver be Liberated to go to his own place in the State of New York, and that the President give him a Pass accordingly. [Concurred.]

Whereas in and by the Act for forming and regulating the militia in this State and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, it is (amongst other things) Enacted "That the several Paragraphs and clauses of all & every the Laws of this State enforcing or any ways relating to the regulation of the Militia should thereby be repealed and declared Null & void;—and Whereas Doubts have arisen touching the Intent & meaning of the same in part recited Act, some persons being of opinion that the Commissions of all the officers heretofore appointed by the late Congress, and the Council and Assembly prior to the passing the Same Act, are thereby vacated:—

In order therefore to quiet & dissipate the said doubts and seeming difficulties, It is therefore

Resolved and Declared, That the said Act was not intended to affect, nor ought it to be construed or deemed to affect the appointment of the officers in manner as aforesaid, but only to regulate the militia in future; And that all Militia officers appointed as aforesaid by the Congress, or by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State, hold and exercise their respective offices accordingly untill further order of this Court (Excepting such as have been dismissed by this Court). [Concurred.]

[P. 81.] P. M.

The Committee for proportioning the new Levy of Troops for recruiting the Continental Battalions in this State, made their Report as on file—and after a full debate thereon, Voted, That the same be received & accepted and the Levies of soldiers now [to] be raised for said purpose be proportioned among the several Regiments in this State according to said Report; and that Maj^r Gen^l Folsom be directed to give orders to the severals Colonells to raise the said Levies accordingly. [Concurred.]

[NOTE. The Report above referred to is not found on file, but it is presumed that the following Orders to Gen. Folsom contain the substance of said Report.—ED.]

Orders to Major General Folsom, for raising Troops &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 246.]

State of New Hampshire: March 20^th 1777.

To Maj. General FOLSOM.

Pursuant to a Resolve of the Council & Assembly, for raising & compleating the three Regiments allotted to this State as their proportion of the Continental army to be raised for three years or during the war; You are hereby directed to Issue orders to the several Colonels under your command named in the List herewith annexed, requiring them immediately to raise the number of men set down against their respective names, in the afores^d List within their respective Regiments, and have them equipt ready to march, and direct each of them to proportion the number they are called on for among the several Towns & Parishes in their said Regiment, taking for a Rule in making such proportion, the number of males from 16 to 50 years of age as set down in the afores^d List, which respective numbers you are to name in your Orders to each Col^o, and order each of said Col^s to direct the several Captains in their said Reg^ts forthwith to raise their said proportions as well from the Alarum List as Train bands, and for the Captains to call on the Selectmen of their respective Towns and Parishes, (by calling Town or Parish meetings) to assist them in speedily procuring their men; and all non-Commissioned Officers & private soldiers already enlisted and passed muster in either of the afores^d Regiments commanded by the Col^s Stark, Poor, or Scammell (& no others) are to be considered as part of the proportion of the Town or Parish where they belong: And all the men raised in pursuance of this Resolve are to Enlist in some one or the other of the afores^d Regiments to serve during the present war with Britain, or for the term of three years as they choose—unless sooner regularly dismissed, and have liberty to Enlist in any Company in either of said Regiments as they see fit, until such companies have their complement, and upon their so enlisting shall receive the same bounties, wages, and all other emoluments as those already enlisted; and no man shall be allowed to pass as hired or otherwise enlisted to make up the Complement, or proportion of any other town or parish, until the Town or Parish he belongs to, has got their full number passed muster.

M. W. P^t.

Voted That Mr. Joseph Whipple be a Com^{tee} of this House to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to apply imediately to John Langdon Esq^{r} the Continental agent, for what fire-arms, Blankets Cloathing &c. he can furnish to supply the regiments now raising in this State for the Continental service, and to forward the same to Exeter with the greatest expedition. [Concurred.]

The Com^{tee} to nominate three persons out of whom to appoint one for a Major of Col^{o} Scammell's regiment made report that they Nominate Capt. Henry Dearborn, Capt. Jeremiah Gilman & Capt. James Gray.

Thereupon Voted, That Capt. Henry Dearborn be & hereby is appointed Major of Col^{o} Alexander Scammell's Regiment in the Continental Service and that he be commissioned accordingly. [Concurred.]

The Report of the Committee on the petition of Nath^{l} Sinkler praying for a permitt to Export a Quantity of Corn from the Port of Piscataqua to the river Mechias, being read & accepted

Voted, That the said Nathanial Sinkler be permitted to export three hundred bushels of Corn from Portsmouth to Machias, and that the President give him a Permitt accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 82.] The Committee on the Petition of John Johnston praying for a Permitt for the Brigantine Prudence to sail for the French West Indies made Report, that the Prayer of said Petition be not granted untill the three Battalions now raising in this State for the service of the United States shall be compleated. Therefore

Voted, That the said Report be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

A similar Report on the Petition of Jacob Sheafe, praying for a Permitt to send the Brigantine Three Friends, and the Schooner Betsey to the West Indias received & accepted.

Votes, Petitions, acc^{ts} &c. passed on by the House and concurred by the Council, from 12th to 19th March, 1777. See *Council Rec.*

Capt. Henry Dearborn's pay-roll, for Company in Col. Arnold's detachment at Quebec, pd. £17 : 14 : 8.

Capt. Titus Salter's pay roll, £260 : 6: 3, pd.

John Taylor Gilman allowed £150 to buy clothing for the army.

Intercepted Letters from Connecticut—ordered to print extracts from. [Letters not found on file.]

Major Gains allowed £25 to pay Col^{o} Long's men.

Petition of inhabitants of Society Land, so called—Incorporation granted.

Petition of James Hickey to send out fishing boats, considered.

Petition of William Gordon praying to be restored to his Land in a certain case—hearing granted.

Thursday, March 20th 1777.

Voted, to choose a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the Honbl Board, to take under consideration all Petitions & applications for compensation to soldiers who have met with losses in the present Warr, and to request the Continental Congress to take some order thereon—and to Report thereon to this house as soon as may be, and that Mr. Clagett Mr. J. Wentworth & Mr. Bell be the Committee of this House for that Purpose. [Concurred—Messrs Ashley & Patten added.]

Voted, That the late act in addition to the Militia Act be forthwith printed and dispersed, and that the Secretary take order accordingly. [Concurred.]

Whereas there is found to be a mistake in proportioning the Levys of soldiers for the Continental Service in the Town of Chichester in Colo Stickney's regiment of Militia by a miscalculation of their numbers, and that Twelve men less than the proportion sent for to that regiment should be therefore sent for—Therefore Voted, That the Secretary in making out orders to said Colo Stickney make the same out for twelve men Less than the Proportion of said Regiment lately Voted. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[P. 83.] Voted to choose a Comtee of three to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to consider of what is best to be done respecting the Stores lately carryed from Exeter for the troops at Ticonderoga and left by the way, and to report thereon, and that Capt. Moulton Capt. Barnett, & Capt. Saml Gilman be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred Messs Walker, Blanchard, & Bellows added.]

Letter from Noah Emery, jun., relating to Stores sent to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 238.]

Charlestown, March 14, 1777.

Gentlemen—With much difficulty twelve of the teams have arrived here, seven of which I understand crossed the river last Munday, some

with part of their Loads & five others are now doing the same. As it is impossible for them to carry the whole through I have desired Mr. Elijah Grout to take care of & Store what they leave behind; the rest of the Teams, on one of which is my Chest &c, I fear will never reach Charlestown, being chiefly bare ground for twenty miles. I set out this morning for Ticonderoga & leave Mr. Bell here (if Possible) to pursuade the Teamsters to go forward with such a part of their Loads as they can go thro' with, which I think will be better than to leave the whole behind; & if teams can be had, will be best to carry the whole thro' on sleds before the ground breaks up, as it will be impossible to carry them on Wheels till mid summer; & shall be glad (if agreeable) you'd employ some person who can be depended on to carry them forward. I don't think any of the teams behind will go further than this town.

I am with due respect, Gentⁿ
Y^r most obed^t Serv^t
NOAH EMERY, JUN.

Upon hearing the Complaints & accusations laid against Oliver Parker of Stoddard as being Enimical to the cause of America (being recognized by the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq. Chief Justice of the Supe^r Court of this State for his appearance before this House,) & the said Parker being heard in his defence, It is Ordered by the Court that the said Oliver Parker give Bond to the Speaker of this House in the sum of £500 Pounds for the use of the Government & People of this State, with condition that he personally appear before the General Assembly of this State whenever he shall be required within one year next ensuing, to answer to all such matters & things as shall be objected against him on behalf of the said Government & people, and shall in the mean time confine himself within the limits of the town of Stoddard, and shall not in said time do nor act any thing against the common cause of America, but behave himself as a good true subject of this State, and shall abide & perform such order as this Court shall make concerning the Premises; and y^t he stand committed till this order be comply'd with—and it is further, Voted, that the Committee of Safety or Correspondence of said Town of Stoddard be notified hereof that they may procure & bring or transmit to this Court all such evidence as they can collect against him concerning his being Enimical to the liberties of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 84.] Upon complaints and accusations laid against Breed Batchelder of Packerfield, and againstt Robert Gilmore of Keene, in precisely the same form as the foregoing against Oliver Parker, of Stoddard, they were severally laid under Bonds of £500, & held to appear for trial, &c.—ED.]

Friday, March 21, 1777.

[P. 85.] The Com^{tee} of both Houses on the Petitions of Marlow & Stoddard made report,

That it is their opinion that the inhabitants living on the Lands in dispute between the Towns of Marlow & Stoddard, Do abide by the Resolve made by the General Court of this State on the 12th day of June 1776, respecting taxation, untill the matter in dispute be settled by Law or agreement as therein mentioned—but that the said Inhabitants do military Duty in the town of Stoddard as has been usual.

Sign'd Nich^{o} Gilman, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and that the said Inhabitants govern themselves accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to examine into the State & condition of sundry articles of Goods mostly perishable now being in Dover & seized by order of this State, as effects of James M^{c}Masters & Company and to Nominate some person or persons to dispose of said effects for the most they will sell for, agreeable to the regulation of this State, and to deposit the money raised by the sales thereof, in the Treasury of this State untill further order of the General Assembly and that Mr. J. Wentworth, Col^{o} Evens, & Capt. Martin be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King added.]

[P. 86.] The Petition of William Spaulding of Roby, a soldier wounded in the battle at Bunker Hill, in June 1775, praying for relief &c. being read & considered,

Voted, That the said William Spaulding clearly comes under the Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 26th of August last, and that he is entitled to half pay as a soldier from the last day of December 1775, and that he may be capable of doing Garrison duty in a Corps of Invalids, and that in case he shall be called upon and refuse to do said duty, he will not be intitled to the said half-pay.

[Peter Robinson, and Archibald M^{c}Millan also put on half-pay on the same conditions.] [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge of Exeter be Muster-master & pay-master to such soldiers as shall be offered by any officers in Col. Stark's regiment & in Col. Scammell's regiment, and that he Notify the several paymasters heretofore appointed to muster said several Regiments of such Soldiers as he shall pass belonging to either of said Regiments, respectively. [Concurred.]

[P. 87.] The Committee of both Houses to consider of what is best to be done respecting the Stores lately carried from Exeter for the troops at Ticonderoga & left by the way &c. made Report.

That a suitable person be appointed to repair immediately to the Stores & Convey them to Mount Independence in the best & cheapest manner and that he draw money for that purpose.

Which Report being received and accepted Therefore Voted, That Col° Joseph Hammond of Swansey and Major John Bellows of Walpole be and hereby are appointed a Committee jointly & severally to repair immediately to the said Stores wherever they may be and take & convey them to Ticonderoga or Mount Independence and deliver them there to the Commissary appointed by this State to take charge of them, and that Col° Hammond have & receive out of the Treasury six hundred pounds for that purpose, to be by him Accounted for, and that the President give order of payment accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 88.] Voted, That Breed Batchelder of Packersfield who was by a vote of this House of yesterday to confine himself to the limitts of the Town of Packersfield, be further liberated to pass and repass to & through the Town of Marlborough in this State, to improve his lands there. [Concurred.]

The Committee on the requisition of Gen^{l} Sullivan, Gen. Poor & Col. Scammell made Report:

That a Letter be wrote to Col. Langdon agreeable to the said requisition in the following words, viz.

Sir, In consequence of requests from the Hon. Major Gen^{l} Sullivan, Brig. Gen^{l} Poor & Col° Scammell, setting forth the Necessity of applying to you for the Purpose of furnishing the three Battalions raised by this State, with arms & Blanketts, of which they are at present destitute, and there being no likelihood of their being furnished previous to their march which by no means ought to be delayed:—The Gen^{l} Assembly of this State have tho't it Necessary to comply with the said requests, and desire that you will deliver out of the Continental Stores in your hands to the officer who will be appointed by Brig^{r} Gen^{l} Poor to receive them, a sufficient Number of arms & blanketts to furnish the said Three Battalions. Gen. Poor will ascertain the Numbers necessary.

I am, Sir, your most obed^{t} Hh^{bl} Servant.

Exeter, 22^{d} March 1777.

Therefore Voted, That the said Letter be signed by the President and sent to Coll° Langdon as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

Saturday, March 22^d 1777.

Voted, That David Wallingford of Hollis be appointed Ensign of Capt. Isaac Frye's Company in Col^o Scammell's regiment in the room of Aaron Russell of Mason who has resign'd. That Nathan Hoit of Moultonborough be appointed Ensign of Capt. Daniel Livermore's Company in said Regiment, and that John Eaton of Goffstown be appointed Ensign in Capt. Benjamin Stone's Company in s^d Regiment. [Concurred.]

[P. 89.] Voted to choose a Com^{tee} to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to consider of the Resignation of the Hon^{bl} Col^o John Stark this day made to this House, and to Report thereon, and that Col^o Peabody, Col. Goffe, Mr. Clagett, Col. Hutchins & Capt. Moulton be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Blanchard added.]

Col. Stark's Letter of resignation.

(Copied from the Original.)

[Prov. & Revol. Pap. in Sec^{ry} office, p. 38.]

To the Honb^{le} the Council & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, in Gen^l Court Assembled:(1)

GENTLEMEN—

Ever since Hostilities commenced, I have as far as in me lay Endeavoured to prevent my country from being Ravaged & Enslaved by our cruel and unnatural Enemies; have undergone the Hardships and Fatigues of two Campaigns with cheerfulness and alacrity; ever Enjoying the pleasing satisfaction that I was doing my God & Country the Greatest service my abilities would admit of; & it was with the utmost Gratitude that I accepted the important command to which this State appointed me. I should have served with the greatest pleasure; more especially at this important Crisis, when our Country calls for the utmost Exertions of every American, but am extremely greived, that I am bound on Honour to leave the service, Congress having tho't fit to promote Jun^r officers over my head; so that least I should show myself unworthy of the Honour conferred on me, & a want of that Spirit which ought to glow in the Breast of Every officer appointed by this Hon^{ble} House, in not suitably Resenting an Indignity, I must (tho' greived to leave the service of my Country) beg leave to Resign my Commission, hoping that you will make a Choice of some Gentleman who may Honour the Cause & his Country, to succeed

Your most obedient & obliged Humble Serv^t
JOHN STARK.

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(1) The letter bears no date; but the record above says "this day made"—*i. e.* March 22d, 1777.—ED.

The Committee on the Resignation of Col. Stark made Report as on file(1) Sign'd by Jonª Blanchard for the Committee. Which Report being received and accepted, The Thanks of both Houses was presented to Col. Stark by the President.

Voted, That the thanks of both Houses in Convention be given to Col° Stark for his past good services as an officer in the present Warr, & that from his early & steadfast attachment to the cause of his Country, they make not the least Doubt that his future conduct in whatever state of life Providence may place him, will manifest the same Noble Disposition of Mind.

[P. 90.] The Comtee on the affairs of the New York Prisoners made the following Report, viz:

That there are forty-six prisoners in this State from the State of New York, and that the Petition of the Comtee of New Marlborough in the State of the Massachusetts be granted, and that in consequence thereof that James Bryant(2) have up his Bond agreeable to the requisition of that Committee:

That one of the two Brothers by the name of Adam Bergh and Christian Bergh be permitted to return to the State of New York to procure money & Necessaries for their subsistence here, and that one of the two brothers by the name of Elting, be permitted the same favour: That Joshua Gidney be permitted the same favour.

That they give bonds to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the sum of five hundred pounds for each for their return to this State on or before the 25th day of May next, unless they can make their Peace with the State of New York, and produce a Certificate thereof to this Court or Committee of Safety;—and that William Merrit and Moses Fowler be permitted the same favour; and that Lemuel Jagger be permitted to return with his brother William Jagger to the town of Stonington in the State of Connecticut to abide there under the care of the Connecticut Committee of Safety untill he shall be liberated by the State of New York: for the true performance of which his brother William Jagger give bond to the Speaker of the house as aforesaid; And as it has been represented to your Comtee that the Prisoners in close confinement are some of them in a bad state of health, and as the spring is advancing, are in danger of a Jail Feaver—They beg leave to recommend, That one half of them, in the Jails in Dover & Exeter, be permitted to take the air at a time, and that the other half shall always be considered as hostages for the others—all of which is humbly submitted.

Sign'd, NATH^l FOLSOM, Chairman.

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(1) The Report, on file, has not been found.—ED.

(2) The Petition in behalf of James Bryant, and also "Hendrick Younghouse and Coonrod Smith," all New York prisoners under bonds by order of the State of New Hampshire, was, That the said persons might be released from their Bonds, and be placed directly under the care of the Committee of Safety of New Marlborough. See Petition, State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 229.—ED.

Which report being read & considered, Voted That the same be received and accepted, and that the said Prisoners be liberated upon their conforming thereto accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 91.] Munday, March 24th 1777.

Voted to choose a Comtee of this house to join a Comtee of the Honbl board to take under consideration the matter and manner of making a new Proportion of the Estates & polls in this State in order for a reasonable & proper Taxation to be made upon the Polls & Estates in this State for defraying the necessary charges arisen & arising therein for the current year, and also to consider what sum shall be raised & in what manner to be levied & collected—and to make report thereon; and that John Dudley Esq. Mr. Odiorne, Mr. Bell, Mr. Gains, Mr. Ellis, & Mr. Worcester, be the Committee of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—All the Board except the President added.]

Voted To choose a Comtee to join a Comtee of the Honbl board to prepare and draw up a Proclamation for a day of General Fasting, Humiliation & prayer throughout this State, and that the Revd Mr. Daniel Rogers & the Rev. Isaac Mansfield(1) be the Committee for this house for that purpose & that they lay the same before this house for approbation. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, March 25th, 1777.

[P. 92.] Voted to choose a Comtee of this house to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to Nominate to this house sundry proper persons out of whom for this house to choose two Delegates to Represent this State in the Honourable Continental Congress for one year next ensuing and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Odiorne, Mr. Betton, & Mr. Gibson be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred.]

Voted That a Committee be chosen to join a Comtee of the Honbl board to consider of the Letters & requests of Colo Stark & Majr Reid and to report thereon, and that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Brainard and Mr. Giles be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman & Ashley added.]

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(1) Rev. Mr. Rogers and Rev. Mr. Mansfield were ministers of the 1st & 2d Parishes in Exeter.—ED.

Letter from Col. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 252.]

Derryfield, March the 24th 1777.

This moment I received a Letter from Major Reed which I enclose to your Honour, to inform you the state of affairs. I am sensible that the men that are gone are not Provided with sufficient arms,—would be glad that you would procure the same for them. Likewise for the Companies that are raising in the West side of this State, as it will be a detriment to the officers to go to Exeter, for arms & Blankets, as several of them are not able to supply themselves. As for further particulars of the Majors Letter concerning his march, I leave to your Honours best judgment.

I likewise wd inform your Honours, that I expect Caleb Stark & Mr. Cogan will not be set a side on acct of my misfortune, If that should happen, beg you would let me know so that they may not be disappointed.

I am, with Respect, your Honrs most obedt
Humbl Servant,
JOHN STARK.

To the Honbl Council &
House of Representatives

Letter from Maj. George Reed to Col. John Stark, about the delay of troops at Charlestown.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 244.]

Charlestown, No. 4, March 20th, 1777.

HONORd SIR—I arrived in this Town this forenoon; am inform'd that Capt. Morril marched from this place with a party of about thirty men last Friday or Saturday; other officers that had their men waiting had follow'd his example & has sent off about thirty more. How this corresponds with your orders to me I can't reconcile;—which was to tarry here untill there was two Companys or about one hundred & sixty men of yr Regiment assembled at this place. Sixty is gone which I expect is under the command of Capt. Morril; when the other Hundred will imbody I can't say; there is few or no soldiers here at present; I expect Capt. Frye's in to-morrow. I wait with patience your Honours further orders.

I wou'd also inform you of an affair that as much retards our march as the former perhaps does, (viz.) the officers in this part that belongs to your Regt has none of them received their Commissions as yet. Neither have they (as they say) received money sufficient for what men they have recruited, nor no subsistence money. You remember you told me some time agoe that your officers that was going along with me, should have their Commissions, but none has received them but Capt. Morril & —— the officers here has flatter'd off Lt. Prichard & Ensign Merril after Capt. Morril in expectation that I would bring them to them. I am now in Compy with Capt. Farwell and Lt. Williams; they think it most advisable to send some person down to your Honour to let him know the difficulties we labour under;—for setting aside the Commissions they absolutely say they cannot proceed without some quantity of cash.

I would also Motion to your Honour that the Commissary for New Hampshire has been in this town, says that it is a vote that has pass'd in Court that officers shall have carriages to carry their baggage on the cost of the State. If one Battalion has the privilege so ought another. I am informed there is carriages to be hired here if your Hon^r^ would give orders, I'm sensible we are in great need of them.

I am with due Regards, Dr. Sir,
Your Hh^bl^ Serv^t^
GEO: REED.

My Regards to Mad^m^ Stark & Family.
To Col^o^ John Stark.

P. S. SIR—You motion'd to me in your first orders of having an order from the Committee to draw arms at No. 4 or Ticonderoga. I wou'd be glad to hear from you on that acc^t^ as I am sensible many of the men are destitute of arms.— –

I am as before, Geo. Reed.

Letter from Maj. Jonathan Child, relating to Enlistments for Ticonderoga, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 250.]

Lime, March 24th, 1777.

To the Honorable the Counsel of Safety at Exeter:

GENTLEMEN—I have the pleasure to acquaint your Honors that Capt. House and his officers have Inlisted about Forty men twenty of which have Bin Mustered and have Received their mile money, and are now on their march to No. Four; the Rest are soon to muster and Follow. I hope to have the happiness soon to inform that the Company is Full & all Marched, which I Believe would have bin the case Nearly by this time had they not bin Retarded by Reason of Maj. *Horse in town Party?* that are Ingaged in the State Service of New York. We are ni daley Expectation of hearing that they are Discharged; numbers of them are detarmined to Inlist soon as they can know that to be the case; I believe the officers are very faithful in Recruiting and Nothing shall be wanting on my part to Expedite their march as soon as Inlisted. I beg leave to acquaint your Honors that there is a large Quantity of Wheat & peas to dispose of up & down this River that might be bought for the State and be conveyed down the River to No. Four, if it should be thought Expedient. If orders should be issued to me for that Purpose they shall be punctually observed: But shall waight your Direction, for this as well as every other appointment: & in the mean time subscribe myself your Honors most obedient & very Humble servant

JON^a^ CHILD..

The Committee to nominate Persons out of whom to choose two Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for one year next ensuing, made Report, and recommend Gen^l^ Folsom, Col. Walker, Mr. King, Eben^r^ Thompson Esq^r^ John Wentworth jun. Esq. & Phillips White Esq^r^ as proper persons in their opinion.

Signed JOSIAH BARTLETT, Chairman.

[P. 93.] Wednesday, March 26th, 1777.

Voted & Resolved that Col° Timothy Walker & George King Esqr,(1) Be and hereby are chosen and appointed Delegates to Represent the State of New Hampshire in the Continental Congress for one year next ensuing, with the same powers & authorities that the Delegates of said State heretofore appointed have had. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the arms & stores Provided for the three Battalions now raising in this State for the Continental service be committed to the care of Mr. John Taler Gilman, to be stored, & delivered out to the Colonels or Commanding officers of each of said Battalions—who shall be accountable to this State for what they receive, and that the Commissions for the subalterns of said Battalions be delivered to the several Colonels or commanding officers of each of said Battalions to be by them delivered to such officers as are or shall be appointed by this General Court.

[P. 94.] Votes, petitions, Accts &c. passed on by the House and Concurred by the Board, from March 20th to 27th, 1777. [See Rec. of Council.]

Accts from persons in Medford, Ms. against New Hampshire, to be considered.

John Tayler Gilman, allowed £300 to buy clothing for the army.

Petition of John Colbey, to be reported on & alld £20.

Wyseman Clagett, alld £15 as Attorney General.

Samuel Cutts to receive £310:17:4, as agent Victualler and Commissary for the State, in balance of his acct.

Samuel Gilman & Mr. Odiorne to provide Barracks for Col. Scammell's Regt.

Benj. Giles & James Betton's Acct. for carrying money to Gen. Schuyler, settled.

Society Land incorporated.

Thomas Martin alld £10:9:1 for supplys Fort Wm. & Mary in 1773.

Saml Cutts granted leave to send the Schooner Dolphin on a voyage to the West Indies.

Acct of Meshech Weare and others sent to treat with the people in Grafton, alld £26:16:5.

Petition of Josiah Jones & others for allowance for nursing or doctoring sick soldiers—to be considered.

Petition of Wyndham & Pelham inhabitants to set up a Lottery—hearing granted.

Petition of Capt. Titus Salter & Company, to be paid for flour, taken in the ship Prince George—to be considered. Allowed £623:17:2:1.

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(1) It does not appear that either Col. Walker or Mr. King, ever attended, as delegates, the Continental Congress.—ED.

Maj. Wm. White, muster master to receive £2000 in votes and £100 in Bills, to be accounted for by him.

Committee on the Treasurer's acc^t—to make report.

Col. Otis Baker, muster master to receive £3920 out of the Treasury, to be accounted for.

Charges of sick soldiers, pd. Capt. David Place £9:12. Noah West, £3:7:3, Ralph Cross £9:2:9.

[P. 96.] Thursday, March 27th, 1777.

The Committee of both houses to examin into the state & condition of sundry articles of Goods in Dover, seized by order of this State as the effects of James McMasters & Company & to nominate some person to Dispose of them &c. made Report: viz:

That they beg leave to recommend Mr. Nathaniel Cooper whose hands the Goods are now in, as a proper person to perform that business, Said Cooper to dispose of all said Goods agreeable to the regulation act as directed; also that he be under Oath for the faithful discharge of his trust and give bond to the Speaker for the time being with sureties to pay the Net proceeds into the Treasury as soon as may be; That he be allowed five per cent Commissions on' the gross sales in full for all trouble and expences in disposing of them.

Signed— GEO: KING, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and that the said Nathaniel Cooper Govern himself accordingly. [Concurred.]

[John Taylor Gilman was chosen & appointed (by ballot) Register of this State for half pay soldiers names &c. agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental Congress.]

The Proclamation for a Gen^l Fast on the 24th of April next was read & Voted to be printed & dispersed to the several Worshipping Assemblys in this State.

[P. 97.] P. M.

The Report of the Com^{tee} to consider of & report what date the Commissions of the officers of the three Continental Battalions in this State shall bear, being read, as follows:

That they beg leave to report it as their opinion that all the Commissions of the officers of the three Battalions raised in this State for the Continental Army bear Date, Nov. 8th 1776.

Signed NATH^l GILMAN, Chⁿ

Which Report being considered, Voted, That the same be not received nor accepted: and thereupon,

Voted, That the Commissions of the said officers bear date at the times of their several appointments to their respective offices. [Reconsidered.]

[P. 98.] Friday, March 28th 1777.

Voted, That the Commissions of the several officers of the Continental Battalions in this State, bear date the eighth day of November last past. [Concurred.]

Voted That Col. Joseph Cilley have and received out of the Treasury Sixty-four pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the President give order of Payment. [Concurred.]

Voted To choose a Committee of three to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to consider of the providing Waggons to transport the baggage of the officers & soldiers of the Continental Battalions in their march to Ticonderoga, and to provide belts and Cartouch boxes for them, and to make report thereon, and that Col. Goffe, Col. Evans & Col. Bartlett be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker added.]

P. M.

[P. 99.] Voted to chuse a Comtee of three to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to consider of what method shall be taken to receive the monies now in the hands of Col. John Stark which he recd to pay the Continental Bounty to the Regiment lately under his Command, and also the receipts he has for what part of the sum he receiv'd & has been paid out by him, and how he shall be discharged therefor, and to make Report thereof to this House as soon as may be;—and that Saml Gilman jun. Esqr Mr. Odiorne & Mr. Gibson be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred.]

[P. 100.] Saturday March 29th, 1777.

Whereas many persons, apprehended in the Neighbouring States for the crimes of forging, counterfeiting, altering or uttering the Bills or Notes of Public Credit of any or all the United States of America, have escaped the punishment which they justly merited for want of sufficient evidence to convict them,—as the material witnesses resided within this State, and not being liable by law, they have refused to give their attendance at any Superior Court within such States:

For Remedy whereof—

It is Resolved, That when a Certificate shall be sent under the hand of the Clerk of any Superior Court in any neighboring State, that any Person or Persons, living within this State is supposed to be a material witness in any such matter as afores^{d}, pending in any such Court as afores^{d}, and praying such person or persons may appear there & give evidence,— any Justice of the Peace in the County where such required witness dwells, is hereby required, upon being served with such Certificate, to issue a Process or Summons under his hand commanding such person or persons to appear and testify what they know relative to any such matter and before such Court, as in said Certificate set forth; and if such witness or witnesses so required as aforesaid shall have tendered to him, her or them such reasonable sum or sums of money for his, her or their costs and charges as (having regard to the distance of the places) are necessary, and do not appear according to the tenor of such Process or summons such person or persons so making Default, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two Hundred Pounds one moiety thereof to the informer who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the County where such Defaulter dwells, to be recovered by action of Debt in any Court of Record within this State.

In the House of Representatives, March 29th, 1777.
The above being read & considered
Voted, That the same pass into a Resolve of this House. [Concurred.]

[P. 102.] Voted, That a Committee of this House be chosen to join a Committee of the Hon^{bl} Board to make Enquiry into the character of Colonel Nathan Hale as to his behaviour in the late action at Trenton, and to report thereon; and that Col. Bartlett, Col. Hutchins, & Col. Goffe be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred— Mr. Gilman, Mr. Walker & Mr. Patten added.]

Voted, That a Precept Issue from the Speaker of this house to the Selectmen of Pembrook to send some person Qualified by Law to represent the said Town in the General assembly in the room & stead of Mr. Jacob Emery, who is Deceased.

Voted, That Robert Wilson Esq. be and hereby is directed and authorized to apply to Col^{o} John Stark for what money he has in his hands which he receiv'd to pay the Continental Bounty to the regiment lately under his command, and also for such receipts for such money as said Stark has paid out to his several officers, and also to give said Stark a receipt for the same. [Concurred.]

[P. 103-4.] Monday, March 31st 1777.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1777.

Voted, That the soldiers belonging to the three Continental Battalions now raising in this State be furnished with proper belts to carry their Bayonets in, and that Mr. Thomas Odiorne be and hereby is appointed to procure the same and deliver them to the Hon° Brigadier Genl Poor, and take his receipt for the same. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Mr. John Smith & Noah Emery Esqr immediately proceed to countersign the Ten thousand pounds in Treasury Notes now in the Treasur's hands and return the same into the Treasury when by them respectively sign'd. [Concurred.]

The Comtee appointed to make enquiry into the character of Col° Nathan Hale as to his behaviour in the late action at Trentown (Princetown) and elsewhere made report:

That nothing appears to your Comtee against the character of the said Col° Hale as an officer in the engagement at Trentown or elsewhere.
Signed, N. GILMAN, Chn.

Which report being read, Voted That the same be not received, but that it be Dismist.

[P. 105.] Voted, That a Committee of this house be chosen to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to consider of and report to this house, what measures are best to be entered into by this State in order to a Discovery of such persons as are in any measure enimical to the Liberties of America, and by what ways and means such persons shall be detected or generally known, and what punishment shall be inflicted on such persons, and to prepare and bring in a Bill or Resolve accordingly, and that Mr. Clagett, Mr. Giles, Capt. Moulton, Mr. Gains, & Mr. Whipple be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker & Mr. Potter added.]

P. M.

Voted, That Lieut. Col° Joseph Cilley be & hereby is appointed Colonel of the Continental Battalion lately appointed to be raised in this State, under the command of Col° John Stark (who has resigned his said appointment.) [Concurred.]

Voted, That Theophilus Dame Esqr be and hereby is appointed Colonel of the Continental Battalion lately appointed to be raised in this State under the command of Col.

Enoch Poor, who is advanced. [Concurred—Capt. Samuel Gilman to notify Col. Dame of his appointment & receive his answer.]

Report of Committee to supply Waggons, &c.

The report of the Com^{tee} to consider of providing Waggons to transport the Baggage of the officers & soldiers of the Continental Battalions in their march to Ticonderoga, was bro't in and read as follows: viz.

> That they recommend that waggons be appointed to carry the Baggage of the officers & soldiers to No. 4, not exceeding one waggon to a Company, and that five Baggage horses to a Company be employ'd to carry their baggage from No. 4, to Ticonderoga, and that a waggon master be forthwith appointed to supply the Troops with the said waggons and horses: They would further beg leave to recommend that [P. 106.] the guns for the soldiers raising in the western parts of this State be sent as soon as may be to No. 4, all which is submitted, by
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> JOSIAH BARTLETT, Chairman.

Which Report being considered, Voted That the same be receiv'd & accepted, and thereupon

Voted to choose a Com^{tee} of this house to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} board to Nominate a proper person for waggon master for the said purposes, and also to give such orders as may be necessary for the same: And that Maj. Gains, Mr. Odiorne & Col. Thomas Bartlett be the Committee of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Patten added.]

Voted That Major George Reid, be and hereby is appointed Lieut. Colonel of the Continental Battalion, commanded by Col. Joseph Cilley. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Jeremiah Gilman be & hereby is appointed Major of the Continental Battalion commanded by Col. Joseph Cilley. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved, That Major-Gen. Nathaniel Folsom & the Hon^{bl} George Frost, Esq. be and hereby are chosen & appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for one year next ensuing, with all such powers & authorities as the Delegates heretofore appointed by this State have had and exercised. [Concurred.]

Wednesday, April 2^{d}, 1777.

Voted, That orders imediately Issue to Brigadier General Poor to march off what Companies & parts of Companies are equipped belonging to the three Continental Battalions in this State, under proper officers imediately to Ticonderoga, and that when any party shall be marched off there be a proper return made to this house or Committee of Safety imediately, of such officers & soldiers so marched. [Concurred.]

The Committee appointed to consider of the remonstrance from the town of Portsmouth concerning their proportion of the soldiers to fill up the Continental Battalions & made report, as their opinion:

That considering the Particular circumstances of the Town of Portsmouth, there appears to be rather an hardship on that town in the present proportion of men; yet the making any alteration now, your Committee think will create an uneasiness in other places, and retard the filling up the Regiments;—Therefore recommend that nothing be done at this time respecting the matter by the Court.

Sign'd— JOSIAH BARTLETT, Chairn.

Which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received & accepted.

[P. 108.] P. M.

Voted That Capt William Stinson be ordered to appear before this house forthwith to answer for his not paying his officers & soldiers their last months pay in Col. Wyman's Regiment in the service of this State the last year, as also their back allowance; and that Lieut. Stephen Hoit be and hereby is impowered to Notifie the said Captain William Stinson of their order, and upon his refusal to come Imediately with the said Hoit before this Court; that then the said Hoit be & hereby is fully authorized & Impowered to impress any necessary assistance to bring the said Capt. William Stinson before this house as soon as possible. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Colo Nathan Hale be & hereby is appointed Colonel of the Continental Battalion lately commanded by Col. Enoch Poor, who is advanced. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Major Winborn Adams, be & hereby is appointed Lieut. Colonel of Col. Nathan Hale's regiment (lately Colo Poor's), &

Voted, That Capt. Benjamin Titcomb be and hereby is appointed Major of Colo Nathan Hale's Regiment (lately Colo Poor's,) [both Concurred.]

[P. 109.] Voted, That Genl Poor be ordered to march the Troops under his command to Ticonderoga tomorrow morning, whether fully equipped or not.

Thursday, April 3^d^ 1777.

[P. 110.] Voted, That Nathaniel M^c^Clintock Esq^r^ be and hereby is appointed Brigade Major to the Continental Battalions of this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge muster master in Exeter, Muster & pay off the bounty & mileage money given by this State to the following soldiers belonging to Capt. Elijah Cloye's Company in Col. Hales regiment, viz; Nathan Taylor, Joseph Taggart, Thomas Murdough & William Pope of Hillsborough; Silas Cooledge & John Taggart of Amherst; Jonathan Macgrey of New Boston; and David Squires of Fitz William,—all which Soldiers are to be presented by Lieut. Samuel Bradford and that the said Capt. Giddinge return a List of such as he musters & pays of said Company as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

The Report of the Committee to nominate a Waggon master to convey the baggage of the officers & soldiers, being read as follows, viz:

They beg leave to Report their opinion that Major Samuel Philbrick is a proper person for providing teams sufficient for that purpose, and that he proceed without delay to procure a sufficient Quantity to transport the arms & Baggage from hence to Charlestown: That Maj^r^ John Bellows of Walpole be requested to provide and have ready there five Baggage horses to each Company consisting of Ninety men in order to carry the Baggage of the officers & soldiers from said Charleston to Ticonderoga as cheap & expeditiously as possible.

Sign'd. SAM^l^ ASHLEY, Chairman.

Which being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and thereupon further Voted, That Major Samuel Philbrick be & hereby is appointed Waggon Master to provide Teams sufficient to convey the Baggage of the three Battalions of this State to Charlestown, and that orders be given him as follows: (1) viz:

To Major Samuel Philbrick:

It having been found necessary to transport the baggage of the officers & soldiers of this State to the Camp at Ticonderoga. You are therefore without delay to Furnish proper Teams to convey the said arms & Baggage from hence to Charlestown, and there deliver them to Mr. Elijah Grout Commissary there. You are from time to time to take your orders from Brigadier General Poor respecting your conduct in this matter, as also with respect to transporting what Number of arms [P. 111.] he may Judge necessary to send forward from this place to Charlestown or elsewhere, according to his orders—all which you are

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(1) Previous to this, viz., April 3d, Mr. Joseph Ayers, of Portsmouth, was nominated, appointed by the House, waggon master, &c., but not concurred by the Council.—ED.

to effect in the cheapest manner you can—and in case of absolute necessity by any unforeseen accident, you are hereby authorized and impowered to Impress Carts & Teams for the purposes aforesaid.

And further—Voted, That Major John Bellows of Walpole be & hereby is requested to provide and have ready at Charlestown, Five Baggage horses to each Company of Ninety in order to carry the Baggage of the officers & soldiers from said Charlestown to Ticonderoga as cheaply & expeditiously as possible. [Concurred.]

Friday, April 4th, 1777.

Voted, That the soldiers of the three Battalions of Continental Troops in this State be paid by the muster masters that muster & pay them, two pence per mile Travel to Charlestown; and that the Vote of Yesterday respecting Providing Teams & Waggons & baggage horses to carry the Baggage of the officers & soldiers forward be & hereby is reconsidered & made void.

[A new Committee appointed to nominate a proper person to be Waggon master &c.]

Voted, That Lieut. Nathaniel Hutchins be & hereby is appointed a Captain in Col. Cilley's Regiment in the room of Capt. Jeremiah Gilman who is advanced. [Concurred.]

[P. 112.] Voted, That Joseph Huntoon be & hereby is appointed First Lieutenant in Capt. Gray's Company in Col. Scammell's Regiment; That Samuel Wright of Swanzey be first Lieutenant in Capt. Gregg's company in said Regiment, and that Samuel Adams be Ensign in Capt. Bell's Company in Col. Hale's Regiment: That the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Porter of New Durham be Chaplain to Col. Scammell's Regiment: That William Weeks, junr of Greenland be Paymaster to said Regiment, and that James Blanchard of Dunstable be Quarter master of said Regiment. [Concurred.]

The Comtee of both Houses to examin the accounts of George Jaffrey Esqr late Treasurer of this State made Report &c. Which being read & accepted,

Voted, That George King Esq. be & hereby is authorized and appointed to receive of the said George Jaffrey Esq. the aforesaid Sum [of Nine hundred & sixty three pounds, three Shillings & two pence one farthing] and all bonds in his hands for the payment of Excise or any other monies due to this State, and a list of all out standing Debts due to this State, and to discharge the said George Jaffrey Esqr therefrom, and to return the same to Nicholas Gilman, Esq. Treasurer & receiver General of this State & take his receipt for the same & present such receipt to the General Assembly of this State for their acceptance. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Rev^d^ Mr. Hibbert of Claremont be & hereby is appointed Chaplain. That Lieut. William Elliot of Exeter be & hereby is appointed Adjutant, and that Richard Brown of Unity be and hereby is appointed Quartermaster to Col. Hale's Battalion. [Concurred.]

Votes, acc^ts^, petitions &c. passed on by the House & concurred by the Council from March 28th to April 4th, 1777. *See Rec. of Council.*

Petition of Lt. Robert Barnett—Committee appointed to consider of & report.

Com^tee^ to consider the motion for Constables to serve Writs of all kinds.

Petition of Eliph^t^ Griffin—to be heard.

Wm. Martin, all^d^ £15, for time & expense in prosecuting Joseph Kelley for passing supposed counterfeit money.

Acc^t^ of Page Harriman for ferrying soldiers over Connecticut River, all^d^ £8: 5.

Acc^t^ of James Betton, Esq. for going to Baltimore &c. all^d^ balance in full, £38: 5: 6.

Town Clerks authorized to issue *Sub pœnas* to summon witnesses.

Col. Nahum Baldwin's pay Roll, all^d^ £20: 15: 5.

£2000 advanced to Capt Elip^t^ Giddinge, as muster master, to be accounted for.

Acc^t^ of Selectmen of Walpole for guns delivered in 1775 referred to a Committee, & voted to pay for them.

Capt. Thomas Folsom, all^d^ £1: 10, for going to Deerfield to conduct prisoners stationed there.

£3520 advanced to Col. Benj. Bellows as muster master to be accounted for.

An Act for fitting out of armed vessels to defend the sea-coast of America, passed.

Petition of Samuel Head—hearing granted.

Committee appointed to appraise blankets for soldiers.

Capt. Eliph^t^ Daniel's pay roll, all^d^ £153: 15: 7.

Selectmen of Epping, allowed for Guns in 1775, £12 ; 1.

Col. Samuel Ashley's pay roll, all^d^, £624: 8: 7.

Col. Benj. Bellows' pay roll, all^d^ £412: 9: 7.

Lieut. Wm. Wallace's acct. allowed £2:

John Taylor Gilman, to receive £300 to buy clothing for the army, to be accounted for.

Balance of the acc^t^ of Col. Benj. Bellows, all^d^ £89: 2: 2.

Joseph Albree all^d^ £5: 2, for an ox killed by mistake for soldiers at Medford in 1775.

Sent Col. Nathan Hale £76: 13: 4.

Petition of Philip Fowler and Jacob Fowler—hearing granted.

A bounty to be paid on salt, made from sea-water, in this State, 2*s* per bushel.

[P. 113.] Saturday, April 5th 1777.

The Committee of both houses appointed to consider the care of sick soldiers returning from Camp &c. reported:

That there be allowed & paid to Oliver Heald, ten shillings & eight pence for taking care of John Jennings as soldier in Capt. James Arnolds company in Col° Wingates regiment; That there be allow'd and paid to Doctor Taylor two pounds eleven shillings & ten pence for taking care of a number of sick soldiers in Col Wingate's, Wyman's & Bedel's regiments; That there be allowed & paid to Robert Goodwin ten pounds for Charles Huntoon's bill for taking care of James Goodwin, a soldier in Capt. Jonathan Emerson's Company—

Which Report being read and accepted,

Voted, That the President give order of payment accordingly. [Concurred.]

The Committee on the motion of Lieut. Stephen Hoit & sundry soldiers of Capt. Stilson's Company made Report:

That it be recommended to Lieut. Stephen Hoyt to make out a proper Roll of all those officers & soldiers belonging to Capt. William Stillson's Company that have not received their wages for their last month's service at Ticonderoga, & Present the same to this Court together with a Petition from the Soldiers to this Honbl Court to pay the same.

Sign'd— MATHw PATTEN, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

[P. 114.] Voted and Resolved, That........of........be requested and he hereby is requested, authorized and impowered to apprehend Captain William Stillson of Somersworth, who has been accused of embezzeling certain monies due to several of the soldiers lately under his command in the service of this State & him bring before this house or the Committee of Safety as soon as may be to be examined touching the Premises, and that the said............be allowed an adequate Reward for his time, Trouble & Expence on said service: And further—Voted, That Mr. Paul Wentworth, the member from Somersworth, do fill up the Blanks herein with the name of some suitable person to transact said Business.

Whereas Joseph Bartlett, Esq. hath been by order of this house cited to appear before this House to answer for his contempt of an order of the late General Assembly of the 22d day of March 1776, But has refused to appear and answer thereto; Therefore

Voted and Resolved, That the Constable of Newtown be and hereby is ordered and directed forthwith to take the Body of the said Joseph Bartlett and bring him immediately before this house to answer for his accumulated contempts of orders of this House.

Per order, J. D. speaker, pro Temp.

[P. 115.] Monday, April 7th 1777.

Voted, That George King, Esq. be appointed Secretary of this State pro tempore. The Secretary being necessarily absent from the Honbl board. [Concurred.]

Letter from General Schuyler.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 256.]

Albany, March 26, 1777.

SIR—Last evening I received a Letter from Colonel Wayne the commanding Officer at Ticonderoga, (1) he informs me, That his whole Garrison, officers included, and sick and well, does not consist of more than twelve hundred men; That four hundred of these are Militia who have but a few days to serve, when they will certainly retire. The Ice in the Lake is already too rotten to bear a Horse, and the Lake will probably be freely navigable in ten days. In this situation, it is incumbent on me again to intreat you, That such of the Troops from your State as are intended for Ticonderoga be immediately ordered to march & that measures may be taken by the Government of the State to have the Order carried into Execution: If General Carlton was not otherwise well advised of our strength, he is certainly so now, by a number of Prisoners lately taken from us on and near Lake George, on their return from Ticonderoga, by a party of Canada Indians, headed by Capt. McCoy, who escaped from Connecticut. Amongst the prisoners he took, were two noted Tories and both intelligent.

Col. Brewer in a Letter of the 22d Instant advises me "That he had marched all such of his Regiment as had arrived at Bennington, which were not above *One hundred men*. This intelligence has greatly distressed me. I had ordered the Garrisons of Fort Ann & Skeensborough to be relieved by some of the Eastern troops in order to send the others to the relief of Fort Stanwix, Fort Dayton & Johnstown—all of which will be evacuated by the fifteenth of next month, if no relief arrives before; for Experience has taught us that however great the necessity, the tardiness which prevails in almost every State, will prove, if not altogether fatal, at least extremely detrimental to us; and

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(1) Col. Wayne wrote, also, to the Massachusetts government, March 25, 1777, urging the hastening on of troops: "It is my duty to request you in the most pressing manner to use every possible means in pushing on the Troops, properly equipt—near one half of those who have arrived are destitute of arms & accoutrements, and sent on without officers except a few subalterns: for God's sake rouse your Field Officers & others from their lethargy; it is their duty to be on the spot," &c.

"I would [beg] leave to suggest that the more speedy way of forwarding the Baggage & other necessarys *through these bad Roads* will be by pack horses—you can't use too much despatch—there is not one moment to spare." See State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 254.—ED.

I firmly believe that unless effectual measures are taken speedily to march the Troops to Ticonderoga, that we shall loose that Fortress.

I am, Sir, Your most obed^{t} servant

PH: SCHUYLER.

To the President of the
State of New Hampshire.

Voted to choose a Committee of this house to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to take under consideration the Letter & requisition of Maj. Gen^{l} Schuyler & Draft an Answer thereto Imediately and report the same to this house, and that Mr. Whipple, J. Dudley Esq^{r} & Sam^{l} Gilman Esq^{r} be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose.

Voted, That Brigad^{r} Gen. Poor be desired to march off the Troops raised in this State for the Continental Battalions, by small parties, and that some Field officer of each Regiment be directed by him to march Imediately to Ticonderoga to take the care & charge of them. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, April 8th, 1777.

[P. 116.] Voted, That Col. Thomas Stickney of Concord be and hereby is appointed to receive and Store such Continental arms & accoutrements as shall be convey'd to him at Concord, and that he give proper receipts for the same when receiv'd; and that Col. Samuel Hunt of Charlestown be & hereby is appointed to receive & store such Continental Arms & accoutrements as shall be convey'd to Charlestown; & that he give proper receipts for the same when receiv'd; and that the said Store-Keepers deliver them to the Field Officers of the Continental Battalions of this State or either of them or to their or either of their orders and take receipts for what they shall respectively deliver; and that Major Samuel Philbrick be and hereby is directed & impowered to receive of Mr. John Taylor Gilman, Store-Keeper in Exeter, eight hundred arms to convey to Charleston & two hundred & Eighty to convey to Concord, and that he give his receipt for the same. [Concurred.]

Upon reading the Memorial of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Portsm^{o} relative to adjourning the Gen^{l} Court to that town,

Voted, That the same be heard & considered before both houses to morrow morning. (1) [Concurred.]

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(1) The above said memorial has not been found.—ED.

[P. 117.] Voted, to chuse a Com^{tee} to prepare & bring in a Bill to Punish all such persons as shall harbor or conceal any Deserter from the Continental army and also such person or persons as shall purchase any arms, cloathing, Blanketts or accoutrements of any soldier in or belonging to the Continental Army without leave in writing from his Captain or Commanding Officer, and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Clagett & Mr. Whipple be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose.

Resolve from Rhode Island, asking for aid.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 260.]

Council of War.

State of Rhode Island, April 8th, 1777.

Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy Governor, and John Collins, Esq^{r} be and they are hereby appointed and requested immediately to wait upon the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay and represent the situation and Circumstances of this State; and to make the most urgent and pressing application for immediate and effectual Assistance; And that when at Boston they renew the instances from this State to New Hampshire for their immediately sending their stipulated Quota of the army to oppose the Enemy in this State.

A true Copy—Witness—

SILAS DOWNER—Clk.

Wednesday, April 9th 1777.

The Council & house being resolved into a Committee of the whole, the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^{r} in the chair, The Committee took into consideration the Remonstrance & Petition of the Inhabitants & Freeholders of the Town of Portsmouth; and the matter being fully debated and duly considered, the Question was put—Whether the next Session of the General Court should be held at Portsmouth,—and it passed in the Negative.

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Nicholas Gilman, Eben^{r} Thompson, Nathaniel Peabody, Esq^{rs} Mr. Thomas Odiorne, George Gains, Josiah Moulton, John Dudley Esq. Mr. John Smith, John M^{c}Clary Esq^{r} & Mr. Ebenezer Potter, be a Committee of Safety for this State, to transact the business of both houses in the recess of the Gen^{l} Court, with all the powers & authorities that Committees of Safety heretofore chosen have had and exercised. [Concurred.]

[P. 118.] Voted, That Mr. Thomas Odiorne be and hereby is appointed & fully authorized to stop the Exportation from the Town of Exeter of any Quantity of Rum untill further orders. [Concurred.]

[P. 119.] Voted, That the Rev^{d} Mr. Samuel Cotton of Litchfield be chaplain and Capt. Benjamin Kimball of Plaistow be Paymaster of Col^{o} Joseph Cilley's Continental Battalion. [Concurred.]

The Com^{tee} to consider of the motion of Henry John Rensalaer for a permitt to export Rum from this State for the use of the Continental Army made Report:

That they have fully heard & duly considered the motion of Henry J. Ranslaer, and are of opinion that he ought not to carry the said Rum out of this State, untill there shall be procured a sufficient Quantity for the Troops of this State in the Continental army.

Signed— NICHOLAS GILMAN, Chairman.

Which Report, being read & considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted.

[P. 120.] Thursday, April 10th 1777.

Voted, That Col. Cilley & Col. Scammell severally receive of Mr. John Taylor Gilman, Store-keeper, their several Proportions of the blanketts now in Store for their respective Battalions, and that they give their respective receits therefor.

P. M.

Joseph Bartlett Esq^{r} being bro't before this House to answer for his accumulated contempt of orders from this house & praying to be heard by Counsell, ordered by this house that the matter be heard before this house to morrow afternoon, at three of the clock.

[P. 121.] The Committee to receive the bills on Interest to be burnt, made Report—

That they receiv'd of the Treasurer seventeen hundred & forty four pounds & two shillings in bills of Credit which carry Interest from the 20th day of June 1775, & had given receipts therefor to the Treasurer, which bills were consumed to ashes in the presence of the Hon^{bl} Council & house of Representatives;

And thereupon Voted, That the said Committee be fully discharged from the same. [Concurred.]

Friday, April 11th, 1777.

Voted, to choose a Com^{tee} to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to make a Draught of a Letter or request to the Gen^{l} Court of the Massa^{tts} State to join in a request to Gen.

Washington, that if he pleases, Gen^l^ Sullivan may be appointed to the command of the Northern army, as it may be a great Inducement to the completion of the Levies of these States, and that Mr. Clagett & Mr. Whipple be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King & Mr. Walker added.]

[P. 122.] State of } In Council, April 11^th^. 1777.
New Hampshire } Voted, That Mr. John Taylor Gilman be, and hereby is appointed to receive and examine all Certificates that may be presented to him by wounded or maimed soldiers belonging to this State, made out and authenticated agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental Congress of the 26^th^ of August 1776, and to Register such Certificates in a Book, as also what allowance is made to support such persons by the legislative authority of this State, and also of the payment from time to time to every such person, and of the Death of any such disabled person, or ceasing of such allowance; And to make a fair & regular Report of the same quarterly to the Secretary of Congress or Board of War appointed by said Congress: And further,

Voted, That on any allowance being made to any wounded soldier or seaman as aforesaid, That the Secretary is hereby directed to deliver to said John Taylor Gilman all Certificates produced, and in consequence of which such allowances shall be made.

Sent down to the Hon^ble^ House for concurrence.

E. Thompson, Sec^y^.

In the House of Representatives, April 12^th^, 1777.

The above Vote of the Hon^bl^ Council being read and considered, Voted That the same be & hereby is concurred.

John Langdon, Speaker.

[P. 124.] Voted That the President send a Letter to the Hon^bl^ President of the Massachu^tts^, requesting him to join in a request to Gen^l^ Washington, that Gen^l^ Sullivan may have the command of the Northern Army. [Concurred.]

Voted, To choose a Com^tee^ to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to Nominate to this house three proper persons out of whom to appoint one for a Justice of the Infe^r^ Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Rockingham, in the room & stead of John Langdon Esq^r^. who has resigned; And also to Nominate three proper persons out of whom to appoint one for a Special Justice of said Court and that Mr. Gains, Mr. Martin & Mr. Wilson be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Walker added.]

P. M.

The Com^tee^ appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Benj. Giles & others, made Report:

That they beg leave to recommend to all the good People of this State to forbear Litigious Suits, and that as much as possible they refrain from calling on their Debtors in that way in this time of General Distress, and that the Judges of the several Courts & Justices of the Peace in the several Counties, & Attorneys at Law be advised & directed to use their utmost endeavours to settle all disputes by bringing the parties to an amicable agreement between themselves, and that the Judges in the several Courts take particular care that no unreasonable bills of Cost be suffered to be taxed in any cause that may come before them: That no Attorney be permitted to act at any Court, who shall be known to be an Enemy to the American cause nor without the approbation of the majority of the Judges of the Courts by whom any action is tried; That any Attorney shall be liable to be silenced & rendered incapable of practising in any Court by the Gen^{l} Court on complaint made & supported against them for mal-conduct on unjustifiable Demand of fees, notwithstanding their admission by such Justices.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

[P. 125.] Joseph Bartlett Esq. of Newtown being bro't by order before this house to answer for his accumulated contempts of orders of this house, and being fully heard by Counsel & the matter duely considered,

Voted, That the said Joseph Bartlett by not appearing before this house pursuant to their order was a contempt on this house, & that he be bro't before this house and reprimanded therefor & then dismist, paying the Constables Fees. D'^{d} a copy to Mr. Bartlett.

Saturday April 12th, 1777.

Voted, That Mr. John Taylor Gilman have & receive out of the Treasury the sum of Fifty pounds for the purpose of paying wounded & maimed soldiers & sailors their allowances according to the orders of the Continental Congress, and that the President give order of payment. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Commissioners for administering the oaths of office to the officers of the Civil List in the County of Cheshire be & hereby are authorized to summon all such officers before them to take their oaths and to return a list to the next session of this Assembly of all such as refuse to take their said oaths. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Odiorne be & hereby is authorized & appointed to superintend & keep the State Accounts & call upon all persons who have received monies out of the Treasury to account for the same. [Concurred.]

[P. 126.] Voted, That the Hon^{bl} members of the Committee of Safety be paid out of the Treasury, seven shillings per day each for their attendance on the service in the Recess of the Gen^l^ Assembly, and that they be paid for their Travel as the members of the General Assembly are paid. [Concurred.]

Letter from Elijah Grout, Commissary at Charlestown.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 262.]

To the honorable the Council & Assembly of the State of New Hampshire &c.

Elijah Grout of Charlestown in said State, begs leave to represent to your Honors, that on the 6th of March last, I wrote you that I had, as I supposed, for the advancement of the common cause necessarily disposed of some of the Provisions procured for the New Hampshire Troops, to Troops belonging to other States; At the same time desiring to be instructed what was my duty. I am credibly informed my conduct hath been justified and approved of. I would now represent to your Honors that I have dealt out so much of the Provisions in that way, that the remainder, purchased by Col° Hunt will fall very far short of a sufficiency for the New Hampshire forces. The quantity needed will be much enhanced by particular orders which Col° Read hath received from Col^s^ Stark and *Sylla*, viz. not to march untill 200 men of the Regiment can be collected. The quantity Col° Hunt was ordered to purchase would have been insufficient, had there been only three Battalions to have received it; That in my humble opinion, if the Forces are to march this way, it is absolutely necessary that some further Provision should be made immediately: The Scarcity of meat here, will make it necessary, that some body should be employed and impowered to purchase a sufficiency directly.

I am, Gentle^n^ your very Hum^bl^ Serv^t^

ELIJAH GROUT.

Walpole, April 9th, 1777.

Voted, to choose a Com^tee^ to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to take under consideration the letter & request of Mr. Elijah Grout & report thereon, and that Mr. Knowles, Mr. Ellis, & Mr. Giles be the Com^tee^ of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker & Mr. Ashley joined.]

Voted, That Thomas Sparhawk Esq^r^. be & hereby is appointed muster-master & paymaster to such men as shall be offered by Lieut. Simon Sartwell of Capt. Hutchin's Company, and that he return a Roll of all such to Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge at Exeter who was heretofore appointed muster-master & paymaster of said Company. [Concurred.]

[P. 127.] The Committee of both houses appointed to ascertain the prices of a quantity of rum bought by Maj. Gains for the use of this State, & to consider the superior quality of the same, made report as on file, with an account annexed amounting to fifteen hundred forty two pounds, six shillings & eleven pence—which report is Received & accepted; and thereupon,

Voted, That the same be paid for according to said Account at present, and that a further consideration of the prices therein set, be had at the next session of the General Assembly, & that the President give order accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. Samuel Hunt of Charleston have & receive out of the Treasury, by the hand of Benj^a Giles Esq. three hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing Provisions for the Continental Troops of this State—he to be accountable, and that the President give order of payment accordingly.

Votes, petitions, acc^ts Acts &c. passed on by the House & concurred by the Council from April 5th to 12th—1777. *See Rec. of Council.*

Maj Philbrick to receive £50. to be accounted for.

Sam^l Leman pd. 48s for taking care of sick soldiers.

Additional Act against counterfeiting money, passed.

Petition of Capts. Salter & Daniels for additional rations—Considered.

Moses Kimball, all^d £3:11:1, for losses at Bunker hill.

Doct. Ivory Hovey, appointed surgeon to Col. Scammells Battalion.

A Com^tee to provide medicine for Col. Scammells Battalion.

Com^tee on petition of Joseph Whipple for a road, &c.

Com^tee on acc^t of Jona. Mitchell Sewell.

Com^tee to consider the matter of recording the Charters of Townships.

An act for establishing the general System of Laws passed.

Samuel Philbrick, allowed £80 to be accounted for.

Capt. Francis Town's muster-roll, all^d £111:1:4.

Petition of Simeon Dearborn for incorporation of the towns of Leavittstown and Middletown—hearing granted.

Petition of Edward Parry for pay for Oar Rafters &c. referred to a Com^tee.

George Frost to receive £140 to be accounted for.

Henry J. Ransalaer, granted liberty to buy dry goods in New Hampshire.

Additional regulating Act passed.

Petition of James McMaster, referred to the Committee of Safety.

Thomas Martin's acc^t for paper & attending press for bills of Credit, all^d £5.

Members of both houses to draw pay, as last year.

Wyseman Clagett for drawing bills &c. all^d £3:12:0.

Sam^l Gilman Esq. for time on the Laws, all^d 21*s*.

Sam^l Gilman, jun. for journey to Dover, all^d 13*s*.

John Taylor Gilman, advanced, £50, for wounded soldiers.

An act to prevent the desertion of soldiers, passed.

Acc^{t} of Wm. Parker, all^{d} £6.

James Rundlet, doorkeeper, pd. £4:13:0.

Acct. of Dea. Samuel Brooks, all^{d} £32:9:6.

The Committee of Safety to be paid 7*s* per day & travel;

Noah Emery, clerk 12s. per day; John Smith, ass^{t} clerk, 3*s* per day, & the Secretary 6s per day.

Acc^{t} of Dea. Isaac Williams, all^{d} £6:17:3.

Act to repair the road from Wolfeborough by the White Hills to Cohoss, passed.

Adjourned to the first Wednesday in June next at three of the clock afternoon, then to meet at the Town house in Exeter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE TIME OF ADJOURNMENT, APRIL 12, AND THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 4, 1777.

Letter from Gen. Wayne.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 276.]

Ticonderoga, 13th April, 1777.

SIR—Your favour of the 7th Instant I have just rec'd. I wish that the Arms and cash were arrived. There were two Howitzers at Halfmoon; if they are not yet sent forward pray order them with such ammunition, ordinance & ordinance Stores as are at Albany (for this port) to be sent forward with all possible dispatch, let the expence be what it will. If the Roads are bad 'tis only adding a sufficient force of Horses to the Carriages. Our situation admits of no delay.

I have reason to believe the Enemy are advancing—a strong party of them were discovered three days ago, at the Four Brothers; Some of their Boats were plying between that & Gallilands Creek. Previous to the Receipt of this Intelligence I had sent a Detachment under Lieut. Col. Barrett to that place for Provender. I have since ordered another party in armed boats to try to bring him off and cover his retreat. I hope they will effect it.

I am, Sir, your most Obedt humbl servant,
ANTHONY WAYNE.

Col. Van Shaack.

Letter from Col. Enoch Hale, relating to orders for Enlistments.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 282.]

State of New Hampsh } To the Honbl Committee of Safety seting at Exeter in said State :—

GENTLEMEN—Having received Orders from his Honr General Folsome for raising one hundred and twenty men out of my Regiment for the Continental servis and to make Return of the same &c. I am sorry to inform your Honors that our Number is yet unsertain, although grate pains hath been and yet is taken; our Towns generally give one hundred dollars to a man and offer to give it, but have not raised much more than half their proportion. We now conclude to send to other towns and places that have obtained there number and wait the success. If a shorter time for raising any part might be admitted, I would Pray for such orders to be sent me by the bearer Mr. Edward Jewett: But more in special: how we shall get ready to march those already enlisted, as part of these lot falls to Capt. Blodet's Company, and insist upon it that they cannot go to Exeter to be muster'd, and sum others at a grate distance. If any other way can be provided I Pray that it may be attended to as it would much unfit them for their march and tends to discorrage others from Enlisting.

I am Gentlemen, your most obed^dt^ and Humb^e^ serv^t^

ENOCH HALE.

Rindge, April y^e^ 15^th^, 1777.
The Hon^bl^ Committee of Safety
Sitting at Exeter.

Letter from Col. Enoch Hale, in favor of Jonathan Parker, jun.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 284.]

Rindge, April y^e^ 26^th^, 1777.

WORTHY SIR—With due submission to your Hon^r^ I just inform that Jonathan Parker Jun^r^ Esq^r^ has been with me and others was desirous to know from whence any surspician arose of his being Enemical to his country, Being apprehended, &c. which I could not answer as I knew not who had complained. But am able to inform thus much, that he hath don & continues to do his Proportion in Carrying on the war; and as to his passing bad money I have not heard any person charge him with it, since the time of small altered Bills that was turned upon his hands that your Hon^r^ may remember was brought against him; Although he has traded largely since that time I believe more than one hundred lawful per month; but if it should be thought that he ought to appear at any futer time for any further Examination, I will be answerable for his appearance if such bail may be admitted.

From your most obedient Humble servant

ENOCH HALE.

Honorable Meshech Weare, Esq.

Summons to Daniel Fowle and Benjamin Dearborn.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 286.]

To Daniel Fowle and Benjamin Dearborn, both of Portsmouth, Printers.

You are hereby required in the name of the Government & People of this State to appear forthwith, before us the subscribers, Justices of the Peace throughout said State, to give evidence in behalf of the Government & People aforesaid against any person accused of breaking the Laws of said State. Hereof fail not as you will answer the contrary on the pains & Penaltys of the Law in such cases made & provided.

Given under our hands and seal at Exeter, the 16^th^ of April, Anno Domini, 1777.

M. WEARE,
JOSIAH BARTLETT,
E. THOMPSON.

Compliments from Robert Fowle, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 288.]

R. Fowle's most respectfull Compliments to the Honorable the Committee of Safety;—and begs that General Folsom might have recourse to him when the General thinks proper;—and if consistant to have the Liberty of Mr. Stacey's house—at the same time not to speak to any person but such as is appointed. This Liberty is most earnestly solicited till he can obtain Bail.

Mr. Fowle will with pleasure assist the Honorable Committee (if in his power) by any means or circumstances he can possibly, in finding out the Authors of the wicked plan now a matter of Enquiry.

Exeter Goal, April 18th, 1777.

Certificate given to Robert Fowle.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 294.]

In Committee of Safety, April 18th, 1777.

State of New Hampshire } Whereas Robert Luist Fowle of Exeter, Printer, has been accused of being concerned in counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this State & some other of the United States, and has been apprehended & Committed to Goal in Exeter; Therefore Resolved, That if the said Robert Luist Fowle will make an open honest, frank Confession of what he knows relative to any person or Persons being concerned in counterfeiting said Bills, or the Notes of this or any other State, or of any matter or circumstance relative thereto, and give evidence of the same before any Court of Judicature in this or the neighboring States when he may be called; that then the said Fowle shall be secured from any Process against him for the crimes wherewith he is charged as above, and receive protection from any Insult on account of his being so admitted a witness.

By order of the Committee,

M. Weare Chrn.

Petition from Hollis to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 302.]

State of New Hampr } To the Honbl Committee of Safety of sd State.
This Petition humbly sheweth :

That several of our men have Inlisted in Capt. Howse's Company in the County of Grafton, and in some other Companys at a great distance, wich Renders it very inconvenient for them to goe to so great a distance to pass muster: Wherefore we pray your Honors that all our men may be allowed to pass muster before Majr Abial Abot of Wilton, and that he may be impowered for it which will be a great easment to our men: and your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Noah Worcester }
Stephen Ames } Select men.
Daniel Kendrick }

Hollis, April ye 22, 1777.

Letter from New Hampshire Committee of Safety to Brig. Gen. Prescott, of Massachusetts, relating to Counterfeiters.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 310.]

Exeter, April 23d, 1777.

SIR—The Committee of this State have been engaged for ten days past in Endeavoring to detect and Confine persons concerned in counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this & the neighboring States. Five Persons are now confined in Prison, & one who was committed hath been admitted to Bail & has given considerable Light into the affair; in short, it appears by what Discoveries we have made that vast quantities have been struck off & passed; I believe sufficient Evidence to convict one Daniel Farnsworth of Northfield in your State is with us, whom I hope you have secured. Evidence of the like kind we have against Benjamin Whiting of Holles in our State, who we have not yet been able to apprehend; hope you will keep a vigilant look out for him. A certain Majr Richardson apprehended & confined here, says he had of one Joshua Smith of Townsend in your State £400 in £3 Bills made in Imitation of true ones Emitted by this State, £200 of which was found in his possession, the other £200 he acknowledges to have passed, but says he took it for good money. Officers are now gone out to apprehend Colo Stephen Holland of Londonderry and Dr. Silas Hedges of Dunbarton, both of this State, against whom we have sufficient Evidence; they may escape into your State in order to flee to the Enemy; hope you will have a look out for them. We are determined to use our utmost endeavors to apprehend & bring to condign punishment these Infernal monsters—these worse than highway robbers,—and have no doubt but your State will equally exert themselves in this very important matter. A communication of Discoveries from you to us, from time to time, may be very serviceable in unravelling their secrets, and laying open the Plot.

I am, Sir, with due respect your very Humbl Servt.

To Brigadier Prescott.

Letter from Gov. Trumbull of Connecticut to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 312.]

Lebanon, April 25th, 1777.

SIR—The Supineness and Languor that seems to take place and pervade every order and degree of men thro' our States must give the highest concern & anxiety to every friend to their Liberties, and if continued much longer will without the special interposition of Heaven be followed with the most unhappy consequences—Fatal perhaps to the future happiness of our Country. I am unhappy to observe that when our Continental army should be in the field, that the officers are wasting their time in ineffectual efforts to gain Recruits in the Country;—I am sensible that this State is as deeply involved in the general inactivity as any of her neighbors. Tho' we are now using our utmost efforts to compleat our Battalions and send them into the Field, by detaching our Militia to fill up vacancies where they do not procure a sufficient number to Inlist voluntarily.

The Request of the New England States that I would communicate such Intelligence of General Importance as I may receive, will apologize for my sending you the enclos'd Copies of two letters from Brigadier Gen^l Wayne at Ticonderoga, which I this day Receiv'd from Maj^r. Gen. Gates, by which you will perceive the very critical situation of our affairs in that quarter and the eminent Danger that the pass at Ticonderoga, the Key of New England on that side, will be surprised and wrested out of our hands.

Besides the almost irreparable loss of ordnance & military Stores, Provisions & other necessaries;—my heart bleeds at the Idea of the Carnage, Devastation and Confusion that may ensue; the Frontiers of your State that must immediately break up; how miserable must be the flight of the Inhabitants; how great their loss; how Poignant their Distress! The Battalions from your State I am informed are destin'd to support that Pass: Of what vast importance is it that they be hasten'd to their Station without an hour or a moments Delay: I know your zeal and ardour in the cause of our Common Country, and fully confide that your most vigorous exertions will not be wanting;—but the prospect of such a terrible Calamity fills my mind, and whilest it stimulates to the greatest efforts in my power to rouse our own people from their apathy, will satisfie my calling upon our sister States United by common Interest & common danger to unite their Endeavours to awaken all to a sense of our situation & to the manly efforts of a People determined to be free, before they are roused by the thunder of the enemies Artillery or pierced by the wailing of their *Ensl^d* and wretched fellow citizens.

I am, S^r, with great Truth and Regard
Your most Obedient & most humb^l serv^t,
JONA. TRUMBULL.

The Honourable the President of
the Council of New Hampshire.

Letter from Gov. Trumbull to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 314.]

Lebanon, 27th April 1777.

SIR—In my letter of the day before yesterday by Express, I took the liberty to communicate such intelligence of the motions of the Enemy to the Northward & the very critical Posture of our affairs in that quarter as I had then received.

Last evening I was informed by an Express from the Westward, that on Friday last twenty-four of the Enemys ships had come to in the Sound opposite to a certain Hill in Fairfield in this State called Compo Hill, and were landing Troops upon the Hill;—by the best accounts about one thousand men were landed & the Boats were still passing to & from the Ships with men—what the whole Number of the enemy there is I cannot precisely ascertain, but probably three or four thousand.

This morning I have advice from Col^o Huntington at Danbury, that the Enemy are in motion up the North River,—of which he was advised by letter from Brig^r General M^cDougall—an Extract of which is as follows: That "at 8 o'clock last evening (25th inst.) there were 18 ships in sight above Dobbs Ferry, twenty four miles from hence (Peeks-Kill) 12 of which are Transports—four of these we take to be ships of warr, & suppose their object to be to get possession of the Passes of the mountains, to give time for their grand army to move up."

Thus you see, Sir, the Campaign on the part of the Enemy is opened; —the Command of Hudson's River & the junction of the armies in Canada & N. York seem to be their present object. The Troops landed at Fairfield are probably intended to march across the Country, possess themselves of our magazines at Danbury & join in the Grand Army at the Highlands on Hudson's river.

We are collecting all our force to stop their Progress & hope our Militia may be sufficient for that purpose. The march of our Continental Troops to join the army at the North River will be hastened without the least delay. I wish they were more nearly compleated than they are.

I expect hourly to hear the enemy are in motion from Newport to attack Providence & fall upon the adjacent country: In Consequence shall take measures to furnish our quota of Troops for that place, unless the Enemy's manœuvres should oblige us to send them westward. I hope your State will attend to that object, & furnish your Contingent as agreed by the States of New England.

The Importance of speedy succour & support to the Northern army is now (if possible) more evident, and as our Troops both Continental & militia will be called to Providence, Fairfield & Hudson's River, it is equally evident that it will not be in our Power to send any succour to the Northward.

I have the highest confidence in your virtue and attachment to the common Interest of the United States, & make no doubt you will with us be of opinion, considering the distance of Congress & the Impracticability of receiving timely Requisitions from them, that it is of Necessity that we take our own measures in this Exigency for Defence against the present & iminent danger of these States.

I am with every sentiment of Esteem
& Respect, Sir, your most obed^{t} &
most humble Serv^{t}
JONA. TRUMBULL.

Hon^{o} President of Council of
State of New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 320. Certificate of Nath^{l} Russell of Rindge, that Jonathan Parker jun^{r} of Rindge was charged with passing counterfeit money.

Do. Do. Letter from Theop^{h}. Dame, sheriff, of Dover, that he had liberated James Brundage from Goal, on parole.]

Letter from the Hon. John Langdon, relating to military Stores.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 324.]

Portsm^{o}. 29th April, 1777.

SR. Your favor of 28th Inst. I Rec^{d} this morning by Express, to which I beg leave to answer that I rec^{d} letter from General Poor desiring ab^t three thousand Flints to supply the Troops that were marching for Ticonderoga, which were delivered ab^{t} 10 days since to John Gilman, the Gentleman whose Rec^{t}. I have for the same, but least any Disappointment should arise have sent two thousand more per the bearer, which may or may not be made use of, as the case may Require. My orders from the Hon^{bl} Board of War, is to Deliver to their order only, all Warlike Stores, and the cloathing to the Clother-General, which makes me cautious of Delivery to any others than theirs.

If our State had applied in time by Express I've no doubt the Congress would have clothed our Troops; but we shall not get any thing unless applied for in the State way, and that in season. I would by no means be tho't to Dictate the Hon^{l} Committee, but would beg leave to give it as my opinion, that if the Hon^{bl} Committee set in this Town, many things might be done to the advantage of the State, by our Cooperation which cannot so well be done at Exeter. This I mention with submission.

I am, with all due respect, your
most obe^{dt}. Serv^{t},
JOHN LANGDON.

The Hon^{l} President Weare.

Letter from General Sullivan, relating to the destruction of Stores at Danbury, Connecticut.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 326.]

Boston, May 1st, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—I do myself the Honor of inclosing you a Connecticut Paper in which you have an account of the Destruction of our Stores at Danbury; I have yet some hopes that the Account is premature. I examin'd the Post & have read Letters from several Gentlemen in that Quarter. They all say that they hear & believe that Danbury is Destroyed, but don't say how they received the Information or why they believe the Report. It may possibly turn out like the accounts received at the time of Lexington battle. I pray God it may. Our Stores at this place were five thousand Barrels Flour, two thousands Pork, twelve hundred suits of cloaths & a small number of small arms; we have no account that any of them were removed on the approach of the Enemy, though the Enemy landed Fryday even^{g} & did not march till Saturday morning & had 27 miles to march directly into the Country in a most shocking rough Road; nor does any account tell us that they received the least opposition, though Col. Huntington in his Letter (which I have seen) says y^{t} not more than a thousand landed. I am fully persuaded we have not yet got a right account of the matter. The first certain account I meet on the Road shall transmit to you. I have ever been of opinion, that the campaign would open in favor of Gen^{l} How; as we ever find in ancient as well as modern times that the State which had its force raised and in the Field would in the first of the season make its advantage against those who had their troops to raise & send in.

We have a flying Report here that Carlton's Boats have been discovered at Split Rock about 40 miles from Ticonderoga & that there is only 1500 effective men there. The Assembly of this State have ordered 1500 men from the County of Hampshire to Reinforce that Post. I most earnestly Recommend that you order all your officers & men already raised to march immediately, leaving only one subaltern from each Company to remain and finish the Recruiting business. General Waine complains (& I think with Justice) That he has men sent him without proper officers, & that the Field officers are in general at home & few arrived there except * * *(1) & some few Captains. Should an attack be made, the want of the proper officers would be most sensibly felt. I have recommended General Heath to send for the Field Pieces & forward them on to the army. He sends off a person this day with cash to defray the expense of transporting. Should there be a difficulty in procuring teams beg you would give him every assistance in your power, as the Artillery is much wanted in the army. I must beg the favor of the Committee or Assembly of our State to give me the earliest notice of any extraordinary occurrence in the State. Should an attack be meditated against you or a movement made that shall indicate such a manœver you may depend on the earliest notice from your Honors most obed^{t} serv^{t}.

J^{no} SULLIVAN.

Hon^{bl} Committee of Safety, N. Hamp^{r}.

[Letter from John Hurd, Esq. to Mr. Jos: Gilman on personal matters: dated Coho'os Haverhill 1st May, 1777. State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 330.]

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 332.]

Determined by the Commitee of Safety, That the men raised for the safe guard of our Seacoasts May 1777, for 1 month from y^{e} time of Inlistment, have the same wages & rations as the Troops of this State had last year; viz.

Capt.	£6: 0:0	pr m^{o}
Lt.	4: 0:0	"
En^{s}	3:10:0	"
Sarg^{t}	2: 8:0	"
Corp^{l}	2: 4:0	"
Fif^{r}	2: 4	"
Drum^{r}	2: 4	"
Private	2:	. "

Trav^{le} money 2*d* per mile from their respective places of abode to head quarters.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. pp. 334, 336.]

[Two Letters from Capt. John Griggs, dated Keene, May y^{e} 2^{d}, 1777, resigning his appointment as Captain (on account of sickness) in favor of Mr. Wm. Ellis of Keene, &c.]

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(1) Copy mutilated.—ED.

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett, relating to the dangers of our Country.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 338.]

State of New Hampshire,

May 3d, 1777.

SIR—By repeated Expresses we are assured our Enemies are moving on all Quarters, and unless sudden reinforcements are thrown into Ticonderoga, that important Post will be lost, and all your part of the Country laid open to the merciless rage of our vindictive Enemies The supineness and careless temper that has but too much appeared thro' the Country of late will be our Ruin, unless immediate exertions be made to save our Country. The Massachusetts have ordered ½ the Militia in the County of Berkshire to March to Albany, and 1500 of Hampshire, to Ticonderoga. I entreat you by all that's sacred to raise as many of your Militia as possible, and march them to Ticonderoga. Reflect a moment on such a scene as this: Suppose your House in Flames, your wife, your daughters ravished, your sons, your neighbours weltering in their Blood, and the appearance of a few moments bringing you to the same Fate—Consider these things, I say: tell them to your Militia, and surely you may tell them with the greatest Probability unless they, together with the country in general awake from the sleep they are now in. Yet if the Country will now exert themselves like men of spirit & Resolution, I firmly believe, that God who has hitherto saved the Americans, will now assist their Endeavours and a few struggles more fix their Liberties on a solid basis. The strongest assurances are received from France that few or no Troops will arrive this year to reinforce our Enemies. Almost all Europe our Friends, and preparing to assist us. Shall we then remain idle and suffer that diminished Army which we kept from getting So little ground last year, to proceed with rapidity this?

By order of the Committee, your Hb sevt

JOSIAH BARTLETT, Chairn.

P. S. Inclosed I send you a Resolve passed for filling up the Continental army for 8 months—passed before the late News; yet desire you would proceed therein in the best manner you can.

Indorsed—"Copy of orders to several Colonels on Connecticut River."

Letter from Hon. Josiah Bartlett, relating to raising men for Ticonderoga.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 340.]

State of New Hampr } In Committee of Safety, May 3d, 1777.

"Orders are going off this morning to the several Cols of the Militia in the County of Cheshire to march imediately with all the Militia that can possibly be spared to Ticonderoga. Efforts are making to fill up with speed our Continental Battalions for Eight months, or one year, which method we had adopted before the receipt of your Resolution. I am sorry to say that a great degree of Backwardness in engaging in the Army (especially for so long as three years) appears in this State. But I hope the Manœves of the Enemy will now Rouse our Country from the lethargy which has so much seized it of late. Be assured, that this Committee (in recess of the General Court) will exert every string in their power for the weal of their country."

In behalf of the Committee, I am Sir, with great regard,
your very Hum^{bl} sev^{t},
JOSIAH BARTLETT, Chr^{n}.

Hon. Jeremiah Powell (Mass.)

Letter from Maj^{r} Jona. Child, relating to mustering men for the Army.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 342.]

Lime, May 3^{d} 1777.

To the Honorable Comm^{te} of Safety, at Exeter:

GENTLEMEN—I am to acquaint you that I have mustered almost forty men for Capt. House, am going on Tuesday next to Lebanon to muster Eight more; also by an order from you have mustered five for Lieut. Simpson: Lieut. Gould informs me he shall send for me by 15th of the month, where he will have Twenty men more at least; there will be more to pay to make out the proportion of our Regiment, all which makes it necessary for me to apply to your Honors for more money.

You are sensible you left only Cash to pay fifty men which is already expended. I have borrowed a supply for next Tuesday; cannot muster any more untill I am supplied from you. I make no doubt but Capt. House will have a full company therefore desire to have Cash to pay the Bounty & marching money for s^{d} Company; also cash for the five I mustered for Lieut. Simpson; you will send it by the Bearer, Capt. Green; hope he will not be detain'd least the men should be detain'd on that account.

I take the liberty to inform your Honours of the State of our small Reg^{t}. When orders were sent to us the two Col^{s} were both sick with the small Pox; the business therefore devolved on me. I persued it as fast as possible—found we were very unhappy in the disposal of our men; Our Reg^{t} contains about 350 men, upwards of 40 of them are enlisted in the State of New York, about 15 more gone with Capt. Whitcomb and 6 enlisted into Gen^{l} Washington's Reg^{t} which made it very difficult obtaining our proportion for three Batt^{n} commanded by Stark, Poor & Scammell. Nevertheless the people here are disposed to do every thing in their power & have by one means or other obtain'd 36 men which are enlisted and muster'd in the foregoing Battalions. I do not send this as a formal Return;—mean only to set forth our situation; desire to know wheither the whole 48 men alotted for our proportion will be demanded, all things considered:—If so we shall do our uttermost to comply though we are very much drain'd of men. I desire your Honours would *Right* me on the affair. In the mean time shall do every thing in my Power both in raising & forwarding the men fast as possible & waight your further direction, which I shall cheerfully comply with. Am Gen^{t}men your most
Obedient and Hum^{l} Serv^{t}
JONA: CHILD.

Letter from General Washington—Resolve of Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 346.]

Head Quarters. Morris Town, May 3^d^, 1777.

SIR—In consequence of advices received by Congress of the preparations making by General Carlton to pass the Lake and attack Ticonderoga before our force is drawn together at that Post. they have come to the following Resolution, which I transmit to you by their direction.

"RESOLVED—That General Washington be directed to write to the Eastern States, from whence the Troops to be employed at Ticonderoga are expected, and to request them in the name of Congress to adopt and pursue every means, particularly those recommended by Congress in their resolutions of the 14th of this month, for completing and forwarding the Regiments which he has already ordered for that service; it being the opinion of Congress, that a delay in this matter will be attended with the loss of that important pass."

I have so frequently urged the necessity of straining every nerve for the purpose which this resolve is intended to effect, that I flatter myself no means have been left untried, which could be fallen upon to accomplish it; and I am persuaded it is unnecessary to suggest to you any motives to excite your utmost vigor and expedition. You must be fully sensible of the vast importance of what is depending, and of the almost irreparable consequences that would result, should any misfortune happen to the Post now threatened, as the loss of it would open an avenue for an easy progress into the Eastern States;—to prevent which it might probably be some time before an adequate force could be opposed. The pressing emergency of the occasion calls loudly for every effort in your power; and your own feelings will be the strongest arguments for employing your greatest diligence and activity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G^o^: WASHINGTON.

Superscribed—"The Honourable the
President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire."

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Col. Langdon.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 348.]

State of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety, May 3^d^, 1777.

SIR—The late movements of our Enemies hath obliged us to call on the Militia in the County of Cheshire to march for Ticonderoga. We are informed our Ammunition at No. 4 is mostly spent & it is requisite the men should be fully supplied for an engagement, before they leave that place, as it is probable they must fight their way to join their Bretherin;—have sent a Boat down & desire you would let them have a Tun of Powder & a Tun of Bullets to forward to No. 4. We would ask leave to propose to your consideration whether it is not prudent (at least) to remove back into the Country the valuable stores in your care as the Enemy seem to have the Destruction of our magazines in view. A small army landed in the evening at Rye might surprise

Portsmouth & destroy the Stores as well as Town before any effectual resistance could be made.

Col^{o} Langdon.

Letter from Londonderry, asking for powder and lead.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 368.]

Londonderry, May y^{e} 12th, 1777.

To the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety at Exeter :—

Wee Rec^{d} your Request with cheerfulness by Coll. Robt. Moor, desiring us to com for half a tun of powder as a State Stock: We also have great Need of a Town Stock; but as Powder with out Ball is som what lick a Sounding Brass, we would be glad to have five or six hundred weight of Lead at the same time; We hear there is lead to be had at Portsmouth; if your Honnors would be so good as to order it up to Exeter for us by Thursday night, at which time we think to be there with a Team. We pray your Hon^{rs} to give us an acount concerning the lead as soon as may be. All at present—from those who are yours with all due respect,

JOHN MOOR } Select.
—— —— } Clerk.

[Letter from Treasury office, in Congress, relating to Returns to be made by Paymasters in the army, &c. dated Philadelphia, May 8, 1777, inclosing Resolves passed April 29th, 1777. State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 350.]

Letter from the Committee of Safety, relating to evidence against Dr. Silas Hedges, accused of counterfeiting.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 352.]

State of New Hamp^{r} } In Committee of Safety, May 13th, 1777.

SIR—We have been informed that one Dr. Silas Hedges, late a resident in Dunbarton, in this State, has been apprehended & committed to Goal in Cambridge. One Robert L. Fowle of this Town, Printer, has declared on oath that some time past, said Hedges applyed to him for types to print off money & accordingly that he s^{d} Towle did Deliver him a number of Types & Flowers suitable to print 40s Bills in Imitation of Bills of that Denomination emitted by the State of Rhode Island, for which Hedges paid him a sum of money. We are further well informed that a noted Tory told one whom he supposed to be of his own principles, That the said Hedges had lately been into New York and was soon a going again & would convey any intelligence for his friends.

We tho't it proper to give this information, and as a person esteemed zealous in your Country's cause directed to you that you might communicate the contents to the Magistrate who committed him, or Person you judge most suitable.

In behalf of the Committee,

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Benj^{a} Hall, Esq.

Indorsed—"Copy to Benj^{a} Hall, Esq. of Medford."

Memorial of Lt. John Colcord.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 356.]

State of New Hampshire.

To the Honbl Committee of Safety of said State.

The Memorial of John Colcord, first Lieutenant in Capt. Norris Company in the second Battalion of Continental Troops in this State: *Humbly Shews*—That your memorialist engaged in the aforesaid service, and accepted said Lieutenancy with the sole view of rendering service to his Country: But his present ill state of health, rendering him incapable of Duty at present and his Physicians giving but little encouragement of his being able to bear the fatigues of this Campaign:

Your Memorialist therefore (that the service may not be hindered) humbly begs Liberty to resign the aforesaid office—and also begs liberty to add, That as he resigns solely on Account of his declining State of health; if that Difficulty should be removed, as he always has been, he trusts he always should be ready & willing to serve his Country.

All humbly submitted,

Pr. John Colcord.

New Market 13th May, 1777.

Letter from Governor Cooke of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 360.]

Providence, May 14th 1777.

Sir—Yesterday noon one Frigate & twelve Transports crowded with Men came down the Sound & went into Newport Harbor. The design of the Enemy in sending so large a Reinforcement to Newport at this time is no doubt to make an attack upon this Town & so to penetrate into the Country: as you have not sent any of the Quota of Men, as stipulated by the Committee of the Four New England States, must request that they be immediately, without delay sent forward.

I am in great haste,

Sr. yr Hhbl Servt,

Nichs: Cooke.

Presidt. New Hampshire.

Orders to General Folsom.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 362.]

State of New Hampr } In Committee of Safety, May 14th, 1777.

To Majr. General Nathl Folsom—

You are required to send to the Colonels hereafter named, for the several Proportions or number of men as follows, to attend at Portsmouth forthwith to tarry as a Guard on the Sea-coast of this State one month, at the end of which they will be dismissed, and receive the same wages officers & soldiers as those employed for the defence of this State have Recd heretofore; and to come equipped with Guns & as many Bayonets as possible, and other necessary accoutrements:

Col. Stephen Evans, a Captain & thirty eight men.

Col. Nichs Gilman, a Captain & thirty eight men.

Lt. Col. Jacob Gale, a Lieut. & twenty-five men.
Lt. Col. Joseph Gregg, an Ensign & sixteen men.
Col° Webster, an Ensign and thirteen men.
Col° Daniel Moore, a Lieut, and twenty-five men.
Col°. Moses Nichols, a Lieut and twenty-eight men.
Col° Thomas Stickney, a Captain & thirty men.
Col. Joseph Badger, an Ensign and eighteen men.

Letter from General Sullivan, relating to the attack on Danbury, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 364.].

Hartford, May 5th, 1777.

In my last from Boston I promised yr Honors to give you an account of the affair at Danbury as soon as I could acquaint myself with the facts. Indeed, I then hoped that the whole was false, as I could by no means account for 2000 men Landing & marching 27 miles & returning without molestation: but I find it is true almost in all its parts. The facts are these: viz. 2000 men under the command of Sir Wm. Erskine, assisted by Gov. Tryon & Governor *Brown?* landed six miles West of Fairfield, Fryday, & on Saturday morns by two of clock marched for Danbury, reached it by four of clock afternoon, Burned 26 Houses, Destroyed 1700 Tents, 1600 Bbls Pork.& Beef, 500 Do. flour, 2000 Bushels of oats & Cloathing for 500 men. They tarried there till Sunday afternoon, without opposition, and then marched for Fish-Kill to destroy the Stores there. They seized upon and drove with them all the Cattle found in their way: soon after they left Danbury they were met & attacked by a party of Militia: General Worster attacked their flank, with a small party & was mortally wounded & is since Dead; the people assembling caused them to change their Rout & make for their ships. Gen. Arnold met them with another party in Front, but could make but little impression upon them. We took 25 prisoners, killed forty & wounded some, but know not how many. We had about 20 killed & wounded. The enemy were glad to leave all their Cattle and take to their ships as fast as possible. You will doubtless be surprised at the enemys not meeting with an earlier opposition; but the people account for it in this way; viz. Danbury & all the other Towns of this State next New York are principally inhabited by Tories. The whigs as soon as they saw the enemy on their march attempted to ride off & alarm the country; but were stop'd and confined by the infernal Race.

I think this procedure with that of Col. Williams & his party to destroy the stores at Fish-Kill and Albany, ought to make us think seriously of getting rid of those Parasites; I know that tenderness & Humanity are God like virtues, but may by being improperly exercised degenerate into the most destructive vices. We have too long treated these ungenerous animals with Lenity, & they in Return have used every art to destroy us. They are now rearing their Heads in every part of the Continent. Let us therefore, like men determined to be free, throw aside our false mercy, our impious Humanity & clean the country of all who will not join heartily with us; Pray don't let us excuse those neutral Gentry that say, they are friends; but act not with us. These are the Persons most to be fear'd. Do they not act ag^st us under the rose? Pray who is it that gives the Enemy intelligence? Who counterfeits our money? who raises the Price of Goods to distress the Country? Who sets your Regulating Bills at defiance & Laughs at your authority? One answer will serve to all those Queries: It is the neutral Gentry—the most dangerous of all the Human Race.

But I must beg pardon for stepping out of my department. I hope my zeal for the Country will be a sufficient apology.

I this moment hear that 3000 of the Enemy have come out ag^st General Washington; but were repulsed with loss—50 commiss'd officers & 500 privates have been made Prisoners by our army. I wish it may be true.

Gentlemen, I am with much Respect,
Your Honors most obed^t servant,
JN^o. SULLIVAN.

Hon^ble Committee of Safety
for New Hampshire.

Letter from Jethro Hurd of Dover.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 368.]

Dover, May 7^th 1777.

To the Honora^bl Committee of Safety for the State of N. Hamp^r

GENTLEMEN—I am sorry to have it in my power to say that I have not my Rank in the army, which I am persuaded belonged to me. Therefore I cannot proceed in the service. Don't take it, Gentlemen, That I am reflect^g on your Honours; neither do I mean to forsake the good cause. I am with Respect, Gentlem^n your most
Obedient Humble Servant.
JETHRO HURD.

[Letter from Dover Selectmen, to the Committee of Safety at Exeter, for Powder—dated May 7, 1777. Signed by John Waldron, Selectman.]

Certificate given by the Committee of Safety to persons named therein.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 370.]

State of New Hampshire—
In Committee of Safety, Exeter May 8^th 1777.

This Certifies that Capt. Richard Salter, Capt. Jn^o Flagg, Capt. Thomas Lewis & Capt. Thomas Simpson, Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in this State, and who have Families there, sailed masters of vessels from said Portsmouth before the 10^th day of September 1775, for London; and that they before their leaving this Country were esteemed Friends to the American cause, and we have heard nothing of their appearing otherwise in their absence. The account which they or either of them may give relative to their voyages, since they left home, until their arrival at Townsend or Boothbay in the State of the Massachusetts Bay (where their vessels & effects, as we hear have been seized & taken from them) we are of opinion ought to be credited, & that they ought to be considered as our Bretheren coming home (through great difficulties & hazards) to see their friends and Families, and Rise or fall with their countrymen.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to petitioners in Portsmouth, relating to counterfeiting &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 372.]

State of New Hamp^r

In Committee of Safety, May 8^th 1777.

SIR—A Petition from a considerable number of our Brethren in the Town of Portsmouth was laid before the Committee;—after reading and considering the same, I am directed to return the thanks of the Committee to the Petition^rs for their vigilance and spirit in the Common cause:—which we are sorry to say appears to be a matter not enough attended to by People in General. The Committee, having the care of raising & fixing off the Continental Troops proportioned to this State, which with so many other Contingent affairs as daily come before them, are such a weight of Business, that they need the advise and Assistance of every well disposed person in the State.

The counterfeiting our Paper currency is one of the many Diabolical Schemes meditated by our enemies to perplex & weaken the Country;—in which they have succeeded but too far. Great pains has been taken by several Magistrates, with the assistance of the Committee & many other Persons to explore this Midnight Plan, & to apprehend & bring to Justice the persons concerned in this work of darkness. Any Person suspected of being concerned in Counterfeiting or uttering Counterfeit Money, we desire may be apprehended & examined by some magistrate & dealt with according to Law. From suspicion only, Robert Luist Fowle was apprehended & committed to Goal and no person suffered to speak with him but the Committee. After some confinement he consented to become a witness for the State & to disclose what he knew relative to counterfeiting money, provided he could come out of Prison on Bail & be secured from Punishment. The faith of the Committee was pledged him, that on his making an open Discovery, he should be protected &c.;—from him most of the Discovery has been made or a clue given which has led to most of the evidence we have obtained,—some part of which was not made publick, because it might hinder a further Discovery &c.

That Intelligence is given from hence & received from our declared Enemies we have no room to doubt of, and join with the Petitioners in the opinion, that if some speedy method is not taken to prevent it, the consequences will prove Pernicious to our affairs. Therefore the Committee advise that the Committee of the Town of Portsmouth convene before them all Persons of said Town whom they have reason to suspect of giving Intelligence as afores^d, and of a Disposition to injure the United States, and to assist our Enemies, and then tender the following

Oath, for such Persons to take before some Justice of the Peace & subscribe their Names thereto, viz. "I, A. B. &c.

[The Form of oath in full, is not given.]

And all those so convened & refusing to take said Oath to commit to the Goal in said Portsmouth, and then consult their Committee about some further method of Dealing with them: And any of such Inhabitants of Portsmouth lately gone from thence into the Country. to be sent for back & dealt with as afores^d as their tarrying in the Country may have a worse tendency than their being at Portsm^o by disaffecting Ignorant Persons; & if the Enemy should land in this Quarter to join them & perhaps induce others thereto. A method of the like or similar kind will be advised to in other places.

Letter, with Orders to General Folsom.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 374.]

State of New Hampshire :

In Committee of Safety, May 8^th, 1777.

To Maj^r General Folsom—

By several Intelligencies and circumstances lately received, there is the greatest reason to believe that the Enemies Forces will be employed this Summer against the New England States, and there is the greatest Probability that some of them will shortly be landed in this State. Therefore you are directed imediately to send Orders to the several Colonels in this State to give orders once more, and take the strictest care to see them fulfilled for all the men in their several Regem^ts to be properly equipt & ready to march at a minutes warning—both Alarum List & Train Bands.

And further Recommend to all persons capable of bearing arms, constantly to carry their Fire-arms, ammunition and accoutrements for war to the places of Publick worship, and all other Places where their Business leads them as much as they can with any degree of convenience; as we know not the day or hour when an attack may be made in our Border; and as it is of the greatest importance to meet our Enemies before they have time to get much footing, and to stop those Infernal Traitors among ourselves who may be disposed to join them.

Letter from Jacob Treadwell to Maj^r Geo. Gains.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 376.]

Portsm^o, May 8, 1777.

Dear Sir—

The Proprietors of the Schoon^r McClary some time since agreed to present his Excellency Gen^l Washington with a Hogshead of *Cane Spirit* that was Shipt at Jamaica and directed to Gen^l Charlton; for want of proper conveyance it remains here; as have advice from Mess^rs Samuel Barret & Co. of Boston, that Col. Trumbull, Commissary Gen^l had desired them to receive the same, and engaged to transport it to General Washington, I am to request the favour of your obtaining a permit of the Hon^bl Committee of this State for its being shipt in some vessell for Boston; as it is probable one will go next Monday, should esteem it a favour if leave might be obtained for its going by that time.

I am, Sir, your Friend & Servant,

JACOB TREADWELL.

Maj^r Gains.

[On the 15^th May, 1777, the Selectmen of Portsmouth gave permit for the Schooner M^cClary, Tho. Dalling commander to sail on a cruise. State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 9.]

Letter from Col. Scammell to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. p. 378.]

Keen, May 9^th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—The backwardness of the men to engage in this Quarter & the fewness of men in Capt. Ellis's Company render it necessary that a full complement of Officers should be immediately employ'd in filling it. Many of the Towns in the vicinity of this place have rais'd but very few men, and it is the opinion of those I have consulted that a first Lt. from some one of those Towns might bring in a number of Recruits with him. Lt. Barney of Richmond is recommended to succeed Lt. Wright, by the Gentlemen here. If you should think proper to appoint him, pray you would do it as soon as possible. If I am not misinformed, he will be more likely to procure the men, than any other person in this part.

As many of my Officers are not commissioned should esteem it a particular favor to have them forwarded to Ticonderoga as soon as conveniency permit. Mr. Parker knows how many are wanted.

I am, with the greatest respect, y^r Honors most
obedt & very humble Serv^t,
ALEX^r SCAMMELL.

Proceedings at a meeting of Field Officers, Committees, &c., at Hampton.

[State Pap. Vol. VI. pp. 382–5.]

State of New Hampshire }
Rockingham, SS. }
Hampton, May 10^th, 1777.

At a Meeting of the Field & Commission'd officers of the third Regiment of Militia in said State & the Selectmen or Committees of Safety of Hampton, Stratham, Hampton-Falls, Greenland, North Hampton, Rye, Kensington, Seabrook & South Hampton, & many other respectable Gentlemen belonging to said Towns, who met at Lieut. Jon^a Leavitt's in Hampton, jointly to advise & consult on the present very alarming & expos'd situation, that not only the country in general, but the said Towns are more particularly in, from the Danger of being attacked on our Sea-coast—as well as the threatning internal Dangers, that are daily arising from inimical persons amongst us :

Hoping that it may prove a measure not disadvantgeous to the community, but be considered by the Hon^bl Committee of Safety of this State as a specimen of our earnest Endeavors, at this critical time, to aid and assist in every probable way that may serve to secure our Lives, Liberties & Estates, which appears by the latest Intelligences, are in the most imminent Danger of being expos'd to the mercy of our Enemies:—It was mov'd, &

Voted, Jonathan Moulton, Esqr Chairman,

Voted, Josiah Moulton, junr Clerk.

Voted, That a Committee wait on the Honbl Meshech Weare Esqr & Josiah Moulton Esqr & if they have return'd from Exeter, to desire that they wou'd be so kind as to attend with this Meeting & afford them their advice on the occasion.

Voted, That Capt. Joseph Wells, & Mr. Danl Clarke, be a Committee to wait on the Honbl Meshech Weare Esqr & Capt Jno Dearborn & Mr. Joshua James a Committee to wait on Josiah Moulton Esqr for the above purpose.

Voted, To choose a Committee to wait on the Honble Committee of Safety of this State, with a petition, in behalf of this Body, setting forth the present expos'd & defenceless situation of that part of this State, which lies near the Sea-Coast, praying that they would take the same under their immediate consideration, & order one thousand men or more, to be raised as quick as possible & station'd there for the defence of the same.

Voted, That Doctr Levi Deaborn & Messrs Oliver Wellington Lane, & Josiah Moulton junr be a Committee to prepare said petition.

Voted, That Capt. Caleb Sanborn, Mr. John Folsom, Capt. Moses Leavitt, Mr. Saml Knowles, Capt. Winthrop Gove, Mr. Daniel Clarke, Cornt Abel Brown, & Messrs Nathl Weare & Josiah Moulton, Junr be a Committee to wait on the Honbl Committee of Safety with said Petition, & they are also desired to endeavour to procure some Field pieces to be used for the defence of the Sea Coast, & so many fire-Arms, Ammunition & other Military Stores for such of the aforesaid Towns as are destitute & now stand in immediate need of, but cannot otherwise obtain.

Voted, That if the Honbl Committee of Safety shou'd consider it as a matter beyond their power to act upon, then this Committee are to request, in behalf of the Towns which this Body desire them to represent, that the General Court might be called together as soon as possible for that purpose.

Voted, That this Committee make a Report as soon as may be.

A true Entry,
per— Josiah Moulton Junr Clerk.
Attest . . . . JONa MOULTON, Chairman.
A true Copy.

[NOTE. The Petition which was presented by the abovesaid Committee to the Committee of Safety, is found in full, in State Pap. Vol. VII. pp. 1, 2, but contains no additional considerations to those suggested in the record of the meeting.—ED.]

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Our Delegates in Congress—asking for Aid, and relating to Troops &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 3.]

State of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety, May 10th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—About one-half of the Troops Proportioned to this State to raise as their Quota for the Continental Army have marched for Ticonderoga & most of them we suppose are at that place by this time. Another Quarter will be on their march in a very few days, and the remainder as soon as possible. Every nerve is exerting among the friends of the country to engage and forward them.

They are but very ill cloathed, and no cloth can be procured on any terms for that purpose unless Congress will order Col° Langdon to let the State have some out of those in his hand, which we desire you to endeavour to procure. We have scarce any stock of Lead & Flints, and only three small field-pieces in the State. Therefore would have you solicit orders to Col° Langdon to keep in this State three or four Field-Pieces, and such quantity of Lead and Flints as the General Concern will admit of; a Company of Artillery men will voluntarily engage in this Town. A great number of our militia is without fire-arms, and the greater part they have are but ordinary; if there is such a supply on the Continent that, consistently, a small magazine might be left in this State to be used only in case of an attack, it might be of great advantage.

We have many circumstances come to hand which make it probable a Descent will be made on our Coast. We have made several discoveries of Combinations made by the Tories in Hillsborough & Western parts of Mass^{a} Bay, and upper part of this Country: we have reason to believe by information of persons on Oath that some have combined to take arms & join the enemy when an opportunity offers; tho' we hope their numbers are not large. We have just heard a Hogshead of Entrenching Tools is discovered under a Barn in Hollis, and a considerable of Liquors, some Provisions & fire-arms in and about Groton in the Massachusetts. Interesting matters are opening, and it is probable all our Goals will soon be filled with these more than monsters in the shape of men, who would wreck their native Country in hopes to share some of the plunder. Altho' our Difficulties are great & appear to be increasing, yet a Spirit seems to rise with the Difficulties among most of our People, which we hope will not easily be crushed.

Hon^{bl} Matt. Thornton, William Whipple & Geo. Frost, Esqr^{s}.
(Copy.)

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 5.]

A Resolve of Congress, exempting Post-masters, Post-riders from military duties.

[Do. Do. p. 7.]

Letter from Maj^{r} Geo. Gains to Hon. Meshech Weare, dated Portsm°, May 13, 1777, saying, "A Prize ship of 200 tuns arrived this morning, taken by Capt. Fisk, laden with Cordage, Canvas, & Dry Goods, mounting 12 Carriage Guns & 25 men. She was bound to Quebec. Also a French schooner yesterday with molasses, salt & brandy."

Certificate in relation to Paul Hale, a counterfeiter.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 11.]

State of New Hamp^{r} } Hawke, May 16th, 1777.

This may Certifie that Paul Hale of Washington in this State, who was apprehended & bro't before the subscribers on suspicion of being concerned in Counterfeiting Gold coin'd money &c. having given Information against sundry persons both in this State & the State of the Massachusetts Bay as concerned in Counterfeiting Money & other Plots against the States, as will appear by his Deposition taken this day before us; Therefore the said Paul Hale is admitted as an Evidence in behalf of the Government & People of this State, and no prosecution is, or will be carried forward in behalf of the Government & People of this State against the said Paul Hale on acc^t of any Money counterfeited or uttered before this time by him, Provided he attends any & every of the Courts of Judicature to which he is legally called & testifies all that he knows relative to any person or persons accused of counterfeiting money or Bills of Credit or plotting against this or any of the United States; and further expect he will be admitted as a State evidence for the Massachusetts Bay, on the same conditions, as in this State and we shall request the same of said State.

Wrote to State of Massachusetts Bay that Hale was admitted as a witness here, and requested the same there.

Boscawen applies to the Committee of Safety for arms, Powder, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 13.]

Boscawen, May 17, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—In consequence of Express orders the Town of Boscawen is this day assembled & called on by the Capt. of said Town, that each man be immediately equipt according to law, and as there is found wanting a number of Fire-arms, Ammunition &c. we have imployed Capt. Samuel Atkinson and Mr. Joseph Gerrish to procure the same. We Desire your favor, if there by any Guns in Store to be purchased that you would give Capt. Atkinson your advice and assistance, and also a quantity of Lead. Mr. Atkinson will be able to inform you of the number of arms and quantity of lead wanted to equip said Town—and your favor herein will greatly oblige your humble serv^{ts}

GEORGE JACKMAN } Select-
CUTTING NOYES, } men.

To the Committee of Safety in Exeter.

Memorial of prisoners in Goal at Portsmouth.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 25.]

To the Hon^{bl} Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire:

The Humble Memorial of Isaac Rindge, William Torrey, William Hart, Peter Pearse, John Pierce & James Sheafe, all prisoners in Portsmouth Goal, *Shewith:*

That your Memorialists on February last were laid under Bonds in the sum of five hundred Pounds each, to remain good and peaceable subjects within this State, for the term of one year;—which obligation your Memorialists have on their part strictly adhered to;—And the Hon^{bl} Committee at the same time, on their part, promised them safety and protection: Notwithstanding which to the great surprise of your memorialists, The Committee of Portsmouth without an accusation of any crime, have confined them to close Goal.

Now your Memorialists further relying on the good faith plighted them by the Hon^bl Committee, pray them to take the matter under their consideration, and make such order thereon as may liberate your memorialists according to the tenor of the Bonds and according to the promises and assurances made them by the *Committee* at the time as aforementioned.

Is. Rindge
William Torrey
William Hart
John Peirce
Jam. Sheafe
Peter Pearse.

Portsmouth,
Goal, May 19, 1777.

Certificate relating to the Sloop Friends Adventure.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 31.]

State of New Hamps^r. } In Committee of Safety, at Exeter, May 21, 1777.

The Sloop Friends Adventure & Cargo, which we are informed was seized at Boothbay in April last and afterwards libelled in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District for the Mass^a Bay, by William Cobb, Esq. in behalf of himself & others, is really the property of Thomas Simpson, John Flagg, Rich^d Salter, Thomas Lewis & the heirs of John Marsh Deceased, all belonging to Portsmouth in this State; Notwithstanding her having a Register from Antigua, and Clearance from Nevis; & the said Persons set down as belonging to London—all which was done (as the circumstances plainly evince) in order to get from the West Indies, as there was no other method they could contrive to answer the purpose; as also to preserve the vessel from being captured by the British Cruisers.

The said John Flagg, Richard Salter, Thomas Simpson & Thomas Lewis are personally known to several of this Committee, have Families in the afores^d town of Portsmouth, and all sailed from thence before the 10^th of Septem^r, 1775, were esteemed friends to the American cause before they left their homes, and are still tho't firmly attached to the Interest of America.

Had they arrived in this State, would have been rec^d & protected, and no suspicion could have arisen to the prejudice of them or their property where they were known.

Such artifices as they used to secure themselves & property, is what has been always applauded & in our opinion ought to be encouraged, otherwise our friends abroad will be dispirited from attempting to get home to assist their distressed countrymen.

Indorsed—" Copy of a Certificate
given Capt. Lewis, &c. May, 1777.

Letter from John Bell, Esq. of Londonderry, to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 33.]

GENTLEMEN—By these I would inform your Honours, That Complaint was made to me against one John Hicke that belongs to Boston, that he had spoken boldly against the Liberties of the Country. I issued a warrant and apprehended him and summoned four Evidences, three of which appeared and upon being examined upon Oath, thought they supported the Complaint; which in some measure I think comes under the Treason Act; wherefore I thought best to order the Constable to take him under Guard down to your Honours, to do with him as you think proper. I send you with the Constable my proceedings against him, with the Depositions in writing, and as it is a matter that concerns the Publick, I hope your Honours will see the officer & Guard paid. I am, Gent^{n} with all due Regards,

Your Honours most Humb^{l} Serv^{t}

JOHN BELL.

Londonderry, May 21, 1777.

To the Hon^{bl} Com^{tee} of Safety for the State of New Hampshire.

Deposition of Adam Dickey.

[P. 35.]

I, Adam Dickey of lawful age, testifies and says, That on the fifteenth day of May current at Londonderry, did hear John Hicke of Boston, say, that he expected Gen^{l} Borgoin with his army into Boston every day, and that he wou'd not be out of Boston at that time for ten Guineas, and that the two parts of the people of Boston was turned with the Regulars, and that they intended, that is meaning the Tories, would send the rest of the People off to old England or Halifax, in less than three weeks time, and that we would man the Lines; and that I, the said Dickey, took the said Hicke to be in earnest in what he said.

ADAM DICKEY.

[Sworn &c.] before
John Bell, Justice of the Peace.

[The other witnesses in the above case were Margaret and Sarah Dickey, whose testimony was similar to the above.—ED.]

Letter from Dr. Richard Bartlett of Pembroke, informing of Capt. Eben^{r} Frye.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 42.]

Pembroke, May 25th, 1777.

SIR—I would inform you that Capt. Eben^{r} Frye has Publicly asserted (as I am told by Mr. Aaron Whittemore) that our Court is asleep, and he is determined not to go into the service untill they pay him his money. Likewise he has no Estate to depend and will joyn the strongest side if our Court don't do better. If you think proper you may inform the Court, for I think a man so indifferent ought not to be trusted with so weighty a matter.

This from your Hh^{bl} serv^{t}.

RICHARD BARTLETT.

To Coll. David Gilman
now at Exeter.

Letter from Noah Emery, jun.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 47.]

Mount Independence, 27th May, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—I wrote you a few days past of my arrival & the situation of our Troops—to which is since added about 500 men; & Gen. Poor who has the chief command. No signs of the Enemy's approaching to this place yet; as the soldiers really suffer for shoes & stockings, beg they may be provided as soon as possible. I have some cash, but have no opportunity to send it to the Treasurer by safe conveyance.

In haste I am with great Respect,
Gentln, yr most obedt servt,
NOAH EMERY, jun.

Honbl Committee of Safety.

General Staff of the Army, 1775–1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 45.]

1775, June 15.	General and Commander in Chief.	State.
	His Excellency, GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire,	V.
	Majors General.	
June 17	The Hon'ble Charles Lee (prisoner)	V.
19	Philip Schuyler	N. Y.
1776,	Israel Putnam	C.
May 16,	Horatio Gates	V.
August 9,	William Heath	M. B.
	Joseph Spencer	C.
	John Sullivan	N. H.
	Nathaniel Green	R. I.
1777, Feby 19	William, Earl of Stirling	N. J.
	Thomas Mifflin, Quar. Mar. Gen.	P.
	Arthur St. Clair	P.
	Adam Stephen	V.
	Benjamin Lincoln	M. B.
May 2	Benedict Arnold	C.
July 31,	Le Marquiss de la Fayette.	F.
	Brigadiers.	
1776, March 1,	William Thompson, (prisoner)	P.
	Robert Howe	N. C.
August 9	John Nixon	....
"	Alexander McDougall	N. Y.
"	Samuel Holden Parsons	C.
"	James Clinton	N. Y.
Septr 16,	Christopher Gadsden	S. C.
"	William Moultrie	S. C.
"	Laughlin MacIntosh	....
Octr 23,	William Maxwell	N. J.
"	William Smallwood	M.
Novemr 5,	Matthias Alexis de roche fermoy	F.
Decemr 1.	De pruid homme de Borre	F.
" 27	Henry Knox. (Artillery)	M. B.

1777,	Brigadiers.		
Feby 5,	The Hon'ble	Francis Nash	N. C.
" 21	....	Enoch Poor	N. H.
"	....	John Glover	M. B.
"	....	William Woodford	V.
"	....	John Philip De Haas	P.
"	....	John Patterson	M. B.
"	....	Anthony Wayne	P.
"	....	James Mitchell Varnum	R. I.
"	....	George Weedon	V.
"	....	Peter Mulenburgh	V.
25 March,	....	George Clinton	N. Y.
1 April,	....	Edward Hand	P.
"	....	Charles Scott	V.
2 May,	....	—— Larned	M. B.
12 "	....	Jedediah Huntington	C.
13 "	....	Thomas Conway, Esquire	F. ?

The Rank of the Brigadiers from Nash to Muhlenberg, both inclusive, is not to be taken from the order of the Names in this List, but is to be determined by the Dates of their commissions as Colonels on the Continental Establishment—except Brigr Woodford, who ought to come after Muhlenberg.

William Ch.(1) Houston.

Letter from the Council of Massachusetts, relating to an Expedition to St. John's in Nova Scotia.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 59.]

Council Chamber, June — 1777.

Sir.—Agreeable to a Resolve of this Court of the 18th instant we inclose copies of sundry Resolves respecting an intended Expedition to St. John's River in Nova Scotia. You will see that it is grounded upon a Resolve of Congress of the 13th ultimo; which, together with Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Eastern parts of this State, have determined us upon the measure: being convinced that we must make a stand somewhere, & that it would be better to do it at that River than at any other place, or to remove the Inhabitants; That by securing that River, we should prevent a communication that way, between our Enemies at Canada, with those in Nova Scotia; should cover our Eastern Country, secure the Indians in our favor; give greater security to your State, & promote the Interest of the United States of America: From all which considerations we are led to desire your aid therein, by permitting your Inhabitants to enlist into this service, or in such other way as you may judge more proper. Brigadier Warner is appointed to the General Command, & Col. M. Cobb, to that of the first mentioned Regiment; but the Field Officers of the Regiment to be raised in Nova Scotia, are not yet appointed.

We have engaged the Alfred Man of War Capt. Hinman, in the service; & if you should prevail with Capt. Thompson to join him, it will

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(1) This middle name is doubtful.—Ed.

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make a good convoy. They must soon enter upon the service, & 'tis not probable they will be detained long in it.

In the name and by order of Council,
I am, Sir, your most obed^{t} hh^{bl} serv^{t}
JER: POWELL, Presid^{t}.

Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare.

Letter from Governor Trumbull to Meshech Weare.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 61.]

Hartford, 1st June, 1777.

SIR—

"We have an account, That Gen^{l} Tryon & Col. Walcot both wounded in the Danbury Excursion are Dead of their wounds, and buried with Pomp.

"Tis most likely the Enemy will pursue the plan of joining their two armies by the way of Hudson's River. Wish the most vigorous exertions to forward our men into the Field. I believe the measures taken here will fill our Quota, viz. the nine Battalions & one half, 270 Artillery men and the Lt. Horse; these latter are retarded from the want of their furniture expected from Boston."

Hon. Presid^{t} of the Council, Safety &c.

Letter from Nicholas Pike, relating to Col. Asa Porter.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 63.]

Newbury Port, 3^{d} June, 1777.

My dear KINSMAN—

At the request of our Committee of Correspondence &c. at the time I was securing some of our own Tories, I gave a Warrant for Col. Asa Porter, who had, for some time, been lurking about here; accordingly he was apprehended, & I ordered the Sheriff to deliver him to some Loyal officer in the State of New Hampshire, so that he might be had before the Gen^{l} Court of y^{t} State; upon which he convey'd him to Sheriff Parker, who said, he had nothing to do with him; & whether he secured him or not, I cannot say. I don't know whether the Process in apprehending him was altogether regular; however, the peculiar situation of our public affairs, will, I presume, Justify the Measure. If Mr. Parker has suffer'd him to escape, his conduct will I think justify the opinion that some have entertain'd of his being inimical to the American cause; That all of this infamous Class may be rewarded according to their just demerits, is the sincere desire of, my dear Kinsman, your cordial Friend & hh^{le} Serv^{t}

NICHOLAS PIKE.

Col. Gilman.

P. S. Please to make my Compliments acceptable to your Lady & Family. Love to my Brother & Sister.

State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 15.

John Hale, of Hollis, May 17, 1777, applies to the Committee of Safety for Blankets for himself, his mate & son—saying—" There is not one Blanket to be got in the town of Hollis."

[Do. P. 17.]

Notices sent by Express May 18, 1777, along the Coast, from Stamford, Ct. to Westerly, R. I. of the appearance of a "large number of top-sail vessels, with a large number of flat bottomed Boats," in Long Island Sound.

[Do. P. 19.]

Col. John Langdon, gives notice to the Committee of Safety that a privateer from Boston has put into Portsmouth, May 19, 1777, and requests the said Committee not to allow the Privateer to engage hands thence, until the "Ships of War are supplied."

[Do. P. 21.]

The Portsmouth Committee of Safety give notice to the State Committee of Safety at Exeter May 19, 1777, That they have committed to Goal, as Tories refusing to take the oath, the following persons, viz: Isaac Rindge, John Peirce, William Hart, James Sheafe, & Peter Pearse, & Wm. Torrey.

[Do. P. 23.]

Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, May 19, 1777, applies to the Committee of Safety for Powder for the town, and asks if there may not be a "part of the State arms stored in some safe place" in that section of the state, "to be delivered out to the Militia" as wanted.

[Do. P. 27.]

Letter from South Kingstown, R. I., May 21st, 1777, giving notice of a Fleet from Newport harbour, sailing south, up Long Island Sound.

[Do. P. 37.]

Letter to John Langdon from Morgan Lewis, Dep. Quar. Mastr N. Y., dated Albany 25th May, 1777, asking to be supplied with Rum and other articles for the army, saying that "the Batteaux-men, teamsters, artificers &c. constantly on duty, consume daily between fifty and sixty Gallons of Rum at the lowest computation," and that they will be "very remiss in forwarding provisions to your Troops in the heat of summer, if they are to drink water."

[Do. P. 51.]

Letter from Robt Temple, to Hon. Lever't Hubbard, dated Ten Hills, May 27th, 1777, relating to a suspected person, belonging to Francestown, N. H., and recommending him to favor.

Letter from John Plummer of Rochester, May 29, 1777, to the Committee of Safety, with a return of soldiers which have received their bounty, and recommending Joshua Merrow for Ensign in Capt. Rowell's Company.

Petition of Jacob Sheafe of Portsmouth.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 69.]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honbl the Council and House of Representatives for said State, in General Assembly convened at Exeter, the 4th day of June:

The humble Petition of Jacob Sheafe of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham, Merchant, sheweth that your Petitioner hath lately imported into this State a quantity of Warlike Stores, Salt, &c. and that he hath now two vessels, to wit the schooner Beggars Benison and Walter, lying in the Port of Piscataqua, which he is preparing to send to the West Indies, with the leave of your Honnours, for such articles as are wanted in this State. Wherefore he prays that he may be permitted to send the same vessels on the voyage proposed, for the purpose aforesaid, and as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Jacob Sheafe.

Portsmouth, 1777, June 4th.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 129.] State of New-Hampshire:

A JOURNAL of the Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their Third Session, begun & held at Exeter on the Fourth day of June, Anno Domini, 1777.

[NOTE. The readers of this Journal are again notified that only such portions of the original Journal are copied in full as are presumed to be of general public interest, while matters of a personal and private character are abridged, in smaller type.—ED.]

Towns & Places.	*Names of Reps.*	*No. of miles.*
PORTSMOUTH	The Hon^{bl} John Langdon, Speaker.	14
"	George Gains, Esq.	14
"	Thomas Martin, Esq.	14
Exeter	Samuel Gilman, jun. Esq.	—
"	Mr. Thomas Odiorne	—
Londonderry	Moses Barnett, Esq.	24
"	John Bell, Esq.	24
Chester	John Webster, Esq^{r}	18
"	Robert Wilson, Esq.	14
Hampton	Josiah Moulton, Esq.	8
Northampton	Dr. Levi Dearborn	6
Newington	Rich^{d} Downing, Esq.	15
Greenland	Joshua Haines	10
Rye	Nathan Goss	12
New Castle		17
Hampton Falls & Seabrook	Mr. Henry Robie	7
S. Hampton & Newtown	Stephen Bartlett	12
Kensington	Mr. Ebenezer Potter	4
Stratham	Benj^{a} Barker, Esq.	8
New Market	Capt. Sam^{l} Gilman	6
Epping	Josiah Norris	8
Brintwood	Samuel Dudley, Esq.	5
Poplin & Raymond	John Dudley, Esq	18
Nottingham	Thomas Bartlett, Esq.	12
Deerfield & Northwood	Jere^{h} Eastman Esq.	22
Epsom, Chich^{r} & Allenstown	John McClary, Esq.	24
Concord	Gordon Hutchins, Esq.	40
Pembroke	Sam^{l} McConnell....	

Towns & Places.	*Names of Reps.*	*No. of miles.*
Canterbury & Loudon	Mr. Thomas Clough	40
Pelham	Mr. James Gibson	35
Wyndham	James Betton, Esq.	26
Salem	Caleb Dustin	20
Plastow & Atkinson	Nath^{l} Peabody, Esq.	18
Kingston & East Kingston	Sam^{l} Philbrick, Esq.	5
Sandown & Hawke	Jethro Sanborn, Esq.	13
Hampstead	Samuel Little, Esq.	17
Candia	Samuel Mooers, Esq.	22
Bow & Dunbarton	John Bryent, Esq.	39
DOVER	Stephen Evens, Esq.	18
"	John Wentworth, jun. Esq.	18
Durham	Mr. John Smith	12
Summersworth	Mr. Paul Wentworth	24
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq.	25
Barrington	Capt. Joshua Foss	25
Madbury	John Demeritt, Esq.	16
Lee	Joseph Sias, Esq.	9
Gilmanton & Barnstead	Joseph Badger, Esq.	40
Sanbornton & Meredith	Ebenezer Smith, Esq.	52
Leavittstown, Wakefield & Middleton,	Simeon Dearborn, Esq.	45
Sandwich, Tamworth & Moultonborough	Jona. Moulton, Esq.	
New Durham, the Gore and Wolfeborough		
AMHERST,	Moses Nichols, Esq.	40
"	Mr. Peter Woodbury	40
Hollis	Stephen Ames	44
Salisbury & Boscawen	Matthew Pettingale	58
Mason & Raby	Amos Dakin	58
Temple & Peterborough	Capt. Francis Blood	65
Litchfield & Nottingham W.	Asa Davis, Esq.	35
Derryfield & Goffstown	John Goffe, Esq.	35
Merrimac & Bedford	Wyseman Clagett, Esq.	35
Dunstable	Jona. Lovewell, Esq	40
Weare	George Hadley	50
Hopkinton	John Putney	50
Francestown & New Boston	Benjamin Dodge	50
New Ipswich	William Shattuck	60
Wilton, Lyndsboro', Mile-Strip & Duxbury & Sch. Farm	Francis Epps	50
Hillsboro', Heneker, Deering & Society Lands	Capt. Joseph Symonds	65
New Britton, Warner, Perrystown & Fisherfield	Francis Davis	55
KEENE	Timothy Ellis, Esq.	88
Charlestown	Dr. David Taylor	110
Walpole	Capt. Christo^{r} Webber	103
Claremont	Elihu Stevens	127

Towns & Places.	*Names of Reps.*	*No. of miles.*
Richmond	Capt. Oliver Capron	100
Winchester	Capt. Reuben Alexander	100
Hinsdale & Chesterfield	Michael Cressey	100
Westmoreland	Ebenezer Brittin	96
Marlow, Surry & Alstead	Obadiah Wilcox	94
Dublin & Monadnoc No. 5	Joseph Greenwood	68
Packersfield, Stodard & Gilsom	Joseph Rouncival	85
Swanzey & Fitz William	Joseph Hammond, Esq.	88
Rindge, Jaffrey & Peterboro Slip	Enoch Hale, Esq.	70
Unity, Acworth, Lemster, Savill, Croydon & Newport	Benja Giles, Esq.	128
Cornish, Protectworth, Plainfield & Grantham		
Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton	Daniel Brainerd, Esq.	94
Apthorp, Northumberland Strafford, Lancaster, Cockburn, Shelburne, Conway, Colburn, and the towns above	Mr. Joseph Whipple	114
Plimouth, Cockermouth, Alexandria & New Chester	Mr. Francis Worcester.	
Wentworth, Dorchester, Warren, Lyme, Orford, & Piermont,		
Haverhill, Gunthwait, Bath, Lyman, Landaff & Morriston,		
Hanover, Canaan & Cardigan,		
Lebanon, Relhan & Grafton		

[P. 132.] Wednesday, June 4th, 1777.

Mr. Secretary Thompson bro't in to the House & read the Proceedings of the Honbl Committee of Safety in the recess of the Genl Court, & also sundry Letters received by them in the recess.

[See preceding Correspondence.]

Voted to choose a Committee of five of this House to join with such as the Honbl board shall appoint to consult together & report to this house what business is most necessary to be first entered upon & done this Session, and that Col. Peabody, Col. Badger, Mr. Lovewell, Mr. Betton, & Mr. Gains be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred —Mr. Gilman, Walker & Thompson added.]

Thursday, June 5th, 1777.

Voted, That Dr. Edmund Chadwick be and hereby is appointed Surgeon's Mate to Dr. Ivory Hovey in Col. Scammell's Regiment in the Continental army. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[P. 133.] Voted, To chuse a Committee of this House to join such as the Honbl board shall appoint, to consult together upon the expediency of Raising a Number of officers and soldiers for the defence of this State, and any other of the New England States, and to report to this house how many shall be raised & how & in what manner they shall be raised, equipped & paid, & for what term of time they shall be held to serve and to be under the control of this State during the time of service, and that Mr. Lovewell, J. Dudley Esq. Col. Webster, Mr. Worcester, Col. Hammond, Mr. Knowles, & Col. Thomas Bartlett be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman, Mr. King, & Mr. Blanchard added.]

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to consider of the letter & request of Captain Thomas Thompson, commander of the ship Rawleigh & report thereon, and that Saml Gilman Esq. Col. Peabody & Mr. Gains be the Comtee of this House, for that purpose. [Concurred. Mr. King & Mr. Gilman added.]

Letter from Capt. Thos Thompson, of the ship Raleigh.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 71.]

Portsmouth, June 4th, 1777.

GENTn.—

Being inform'd by Congress that the Honbl the Council and Assembly for the State of New Hampshire had made a tender of their services to give every assistance in their power towards manning and equipping the Raleigh whenever she should be ordered to sea; in consequence of which I beg leave to acquaint you that half of the Guns are now on board & the remainder will come to hand in a few days;—chief of the Stores & provisions are on board; but what is most wanted at present is Men. I therefore in the name of the United States of America beg your assistance:—what I have chiefly in view is to beg permission of your Honours to Inlist Men from the different Companys now in the service & pay of this State;—amongst which there are a number of seamen, some of which have at different times made application to enter on board & have been refused: If we could for the future be indulged with the liberty of taking such men as may offer from those companies, it would be a very great help towards completing our compliment (particularly from the Forts where there are many seamen) and seamen employ'd at sea must be most serviceable: had we been lucky enough to have procured the Guns during the Embargo we should have man'd the ship with less difficulty than now, when Trade & intercourse is free; but what most engages seamen's attention is Privateers, not seeing the Wages & other Encouragement given by the Continent far exceeds any other service whatever. If your Honours can assist me in any way to procure men, I think it will be the only trouble I shall have occasion to give you. I should have waited on you myself had not my duty reqnired me on board.

I am with great Respect, Gent^n^
Your most ob^t^ serv^t^.
THO^s^. THOMPSON.

P. S. The Bearer, Capt. Osborne
will wait your answer.
To the Hon^ble^ the Council & Assembly
for the State of New Hampshire.

[P. 134.] The Committee appointed to consider of the letter & request of Capt. Thomas Thompson commander of the ship Raleigh, made Report as their opinion, that he have liberty to enlist any men in this State who are not actually engaged in the Continental service. (Signed)
Nich^l^ Gilman, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered & was received & accepted. [Concurred.]

The Committee appointed to consult upon the expediency of raising a Number of officers & soldiers for the Defence of this State & any other of the New England States &c. &c. made Report:

That they recommend that a Regiment consisting of seven hundred and twenty men be raised; That there be Ten Companies of seventy men each, three officers to each company included, and an Artillery Company of Twenty men two officers included; That their pay be the same as the Continental Troops had last year, and that each non-commissioned officer & private soldiers receive on passing muster properly equipped Twenty Dollars Bounty, to serve untill the first of January next unless sooner discharged; not to serve out of the New England States;—Enlisting orders to be given out to as many men as there is to be officers, and to rank according to the Number of men they Enlist & be commissioned accordingly: That each officer be allowed for every soldier he enlists & that passes muster, six shillings—which is submitted by—
Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read and considered, Voted that it be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 135.] Friday, June 6^th^, 1777.

Voted, To chuse a Committee of five of this house to join a Committee of the Hon^bl^ Board, to take under consideration the Letters receiv'd by Express the last night from Gen^l^

Gates, Gen^l. Poor &c. & to report thereon—and that Col. Nichols, Mr. Downing, Mr. Hains, Col. Peabody & Mr. Odiorne be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs. Bartlett, Gilman & Wentworth added.]

Letter from Gen. Enoch Poor, at Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 44.]

Head Quarters, Tyconderoga, 28th May, 1777.

Dear Sir.—I last Evening sent Lt. Lyford of the rangers down the Lake with a small party to make what discoveries they could; he has this moment returned with Intelligence, the Enemy were at Split Rock, with two Schooners, seven armed Gondolas, and a large number of Batteaux; and as he heard their morning Gun fired some miles below, supposes their whole army to be on their way to this place.

We have only two Thousand two hundred & forty effective Rank & File now on the ground; this therefore to request you as you regard the Liberties of your Country, to send immediately what and all the assistance you may possibly have in your power.

I am, dear Sir, your most obed^t servant

Enoch Poor, B. Gen^l.

General Fellows.

(Copy.)

[Note. A similar letter was forwarded to Gen. Gates at Albany.—Ed.]

Letter from Gen. Horatio Gates, relating to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 55.]

Albany, 30th May, 1777.

Sir—I have the honor to inclose you a Letter I received last night from Brig^r Gen^l Poor, together with a copy of mine of this Day to his Excellency General Washington; and a General Return of the Garrison of Ticonderoga:—After a Perusal of these Papers your Honour will be convinced that an immediate Re-inforcement of the Northern Army is become absolutely necessary. The fifteen hundred Militia, ordered from the County of Hampshire are not one third arrived, and from what I hear, they are likely to be very deficient. I beg leave to assure your Honour, there is not a moment to be lost. The safety of the Northern Frontier of the Eastern States requires the spirited exertion of the Powers of Government to save them from Invasion. Those States I am confident may be relied on for the support of the common cause, true Patriotism and a resolute Defence of their country. I beg the favour your Honour will instantly dispatch copies of all the inclosed Papers, to the President of the State of New Hampshire.

I am, Sir, your most obedient, Humble serv^t.

(Copy) Horatio Gates.

To the Hon^{ble} the President of the
Council of Safety for the State
of the Massachusetts Bay.

[Note.—The letter to Gen. Washington was of the same import as the preceding. Ed.]

Voted, To choose a Com^{tee} of three to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to take under consideration the late conduct of John Parker Esq. Sheriff of the County of Rockingham respecting Col. Asa Porter, & report thereon, and that John Dudley Esq. Col. Peabody & Capt. Moulton be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker, Mr. Ashley, & Mr. Patten added.]

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare to John Parker, Sheriff.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 73.]

Exeter, June 5th, 1777.

SIR—I am directed to inform you that a Complaint from Newburyport has been exhibited to the Gen^{l} Assembly setting forth that Col. Asa Porter (a person who escaped from the authority of this State when under Bonds and charged with violent disaffection to the American cause) was apprehended & sent by an officer from thence to your care to be brought before the Legislative Authority of this State, yet that you careless of the public Safety & duty of your office suffered him to go at liberty & further abscond;—Wherefore I am ordered to inform you that your appearance before the General Court now sitting at Exeter is desired, that the truth of said charge may be inquired into.

(Copy) M. WEARE.

John Parker, Esq. sheriff of the
County of Rockingham.

The Com^{tee} of both Houses appointed to consider the conduct of John Parker, Esq. with regard to Col. Porter's escape, reported:

That as Capt. Parker applied to a Civil magistrate who refused to give a precept to commit said Porter, we give it as our opinion that said Parker has fully exculpated himself as an officer of this State in said affair—which is humbly submitted. T. Walker, chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received & accepted.

[P. 136.] Voted, To choose a Committee to join a Com^{tee} of the Hon^{bl} Board to draw up an advertisement against Col. Asa Porter, & also a Letter to Nicholas Pike Esq. of Newbury-Port in answer to one from him to Nich^{s} Gilman, Esq.(1) concerning said Porter, and lay the same before this house in the afternoon, and that Mr. Clagett & Mr. Lovewell be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose.

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(1) See *ante* p. 568.—ED.

[P. 137.] Saturday, June 7th 1777.

The Comtee of both Houses appointed to consider of the Letters recd from Genl Gates, Genl Poor &c. reported as their opinion,

That Expresses be sent to the several muster masters to procure their returns of the men mustered by them respectively for the Continental service; and that all military officers of those Towns and Places who are delinquent in raising their quota of men for the Continental Army be directed forthwith to furnish the same either by enlistment or by Draught from the Militia and forward them imediately to the army at Ticonderoga, and that it be recommended to all civil officers to be aiding & assisting the military officers to carry the same into effect;—and that all military officers be directed to make return of their having compleated their said Quota of men as heretofore directed, at or before the twentieth day of June Instant; and that all officers Civil & military, Selectmen, Committees of Inspection & safety be required to apprehend and take up all Persons whom they shall know or suspect to be inlisted into the Continental service, and carry them before some magistrate to be dealt with according to Law :—all which is humbly submitted.
Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered—Voted that the same be accepted. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[P. 138.] The Honbl Mr. Patten bro't down from the board the following Vote of Council, viz.

In Council June 7th 1777.

Voted That some person be imediately appointed to repair to Newbury or Bradford or any other place in the vicinity of those towns in the State of the Massachusetts Bay in order to apprehend Colo Asa Porter if he can be found there, and that the Person appointed be instructed by the President to procure a process from some Magistrate in that State and an officer to seize and bring him to the Line, and that the person aforesaid be empowered to bring him from thence to the Town of Exeter, there to wait the order of the General Assembly.
Sent down for Concurrence. E. Thompson, Secy.

Which vote of Council was read & concurred.

Voted, That Joshua Weeks of Greenland be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham; That Thomas Putnam Esq. of Acworth, Henry Ingalls, Esq. of Richmond, Joseph Rouncival Esq. of Washington and Elihu Stevens Esqr. of Claremont, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; That Josiah Adams of New Market be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; That Nahum Baldwin Esqr of Amherst be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough; That Nathaniel Peabody Esq. of Atkinson be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham. [Concurred.]

The Committee of both Houses on the motion of Col. Clapp concerning Providing for the Troops at or near Portsmouth, made report as their opinion:

That some person or persons be imediately employ'd & impower'd to procure one thousand bushels of Corn & Grain for the use of the Troops in the service of this State, and transport the same to Portsmouth and deliver it to the agent victualler, and that the said Agent have an [P. 189.] order on Gen^l Folsom for all the Pork and Beef in his custody belonging to this State to be transported to Portsmouth for the use of the Troops: That two vessells to carry one thousand barrells of Flour be imediately fitted out at the expence of this State for Baltimore by the said Agent, there to be met by some person with the money to purchase their Cargo's and send them directly back, and that the said Agent be directed to purchase Twelve Hogsheads of molasses of Mr. Jacob Sheafe, jun.

(Sign'd) Nich^{l} Gilman, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted.

Votes, acc^{ts}, petitions &c passed on by the House and concurred by the Council from June 4th to 9th, 1777, inclusive. *See Rec. of Council.*

Acc^{t}. of John Pain, for halling stones to Otter Creek & to No. 4, allowed £24:1:3.

Acc^{t} of Samuel Kidder, dec^{d}. considered, but not allowed.

Daniel Rogers allowed for medicine £14:12.

Doct. Ammi R. Cutter, all^{d} for medicines £7:2.

Petition from Grafton for incorporation; hearing granted.

Dorothy Pickering's petition, for liberty to be granted to her husband; recommended to Gen Washington.

Capt. Joseph Hoit & his son Daniel, of Stratham, took the oath of allegiance.

Orders given to Col. Supply Clapp to purchase 20 Tierces of rice for the use of the State.

Schooner Friends' Adventure permitted to sail for S. Carolina.

Committee of the whole, resolve to call in, & burn Bills of 1775, am^{t} to £28,000.

Pay roll of Capt Eliph. Daniel all^{d} £148:14:6.

Capt. Daniel's acc^{t}, all^{d} £8:8:8.

Com^{tee} appointed to revise the Laws & draw up Acts.

Tho's Odiorne added to Com^{tee} on the Continental Acc^{ts} of this State.

Jacob Sheafe permitted to send vessels to sea, on conditions.

Acc^{t} of Wm. Price all'd for assisting Col. Asa Porter, £1:10:0.

Solomon Wheeler of Kingston authorized to purchase 1000 bushels of corn & grain for the State.

Munday, June 9th, 1777.

Whereas Thomas Stickney has by order of the Honbl Committee of Safety of this State taken the bodies of Peter Green Esq. & John Stevens, Jeremiah Clough Esq. & Richard Allison on suspicion of their conspiring against this State and meditating how to assist our enemies, and has bro't them before the General Assembly now sitting, Therefore Voted, to chuse a Committee of three of this House to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to consider of & report to this house what measures are best to be at present taken with the said prisoners for the safety of this State, and that Mr. Odiorne, Mr. McClary & Mr. Gibson be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman & Mr. Patten added.]

The said Committee made report, as their opinion that they be committed to Goal for safe keeping.

[P. 140.] Voted, That Jethro Sanborn Esq. be and hereby is appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Rockingham.

Tuesday, June 10th, 1777.

Voted, William Pottle junr of Stratham be forthwith apprehended and brought before this house to be examined concerning his saying and acting as an Enemy to the Liberties of this State, and that Mr. Eliphalet Hale be appointed to that duty and that he be impowered by orders from the President.

Voted to choose a Comtee of this house to wait on Genl Folsom & know of him whether he will immediately repair to Philadelphia as a Representative of this State in the Continental Congress, and to report thereon, and that Col. Nichols & Col. Peabody be the Comtee for that purpose.

[P. 141.] P. M.

The Comtee of both houses to consult and agree upon some method to Nominate Civil Officers &c. made Report, as their opinion

That all Civil Officers to be hereafter appointed should be Nominated by a Comtee of both Houses appointed for that purpose—and further advise that no person be put into Nomination as a Civil officer who is not well known to the Court, or who is not well recommended by the People or their Representatives. (Sign'd)
Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read and considered, Voted that the same be recd & accepted.

Proceedings in Portsmouth relating to Tories.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 95.]

State of New Hampshire. } At a Public Town Meeting held at the North Meeting House in Portsmouth, on Tuesday the 10th day of June, 1777, by adjournment:

John Langdon, George Gains & Thomas Martin, Esqrs.

GENTLEMEN—

In confidence of your Exertions to serve the People, whom you Represent, as well as those of the State at large: We hereby Instruct you to move to the Assembly, & to the utmost of your power, urge that An Act may be passed (concerning Persons suspected of Treasonable practices against the State), whereby every person may be obliged without distinction to swear allegiance to the State, as its the only Touch-stone to know, who are for supporting the Indepen'cy of America, and who are not; the People of this Town are not in the least doubtful, but that a great number of Persons in the State have taken the benefit of *General How's Proclamation*, & have forwarded their concessions to New York, & such an Act in our opinion, would be of Infinite service at this crisis, as every honest, upright man would with cheerfulness take the oath, & those that would not, its high time, in our humble opinion, should be secured as Prisoners of War, in order to redeem our People, now suffering in New York every calamity that British Tyrants can Inflict:—Also we would wish to see in such An Act for that purpose, those Persons Estates secured in order to lesson the Public charges.

A true copy,—attest,

JOHN PENHALLOW, Town Clerk.

Portsmouth, June 10th, 1777.

Letter from General Schuyler to Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 97.]

Albany, June 11th, 1777.

SIR—Before I left Albany to go to Philadelphia, I ordered the D. Quarter Master General in this Department to provide a Quantity of Rum for the use of the artificers, Batteauxmen &c. in his Department, which are very numerous. He informs me that he employed Henry Ven Renssalaer Esq. to purchase a Quantity in the Eastern States, which he did, but that he was perventedfrom bringing it up by a Resolution of both houses of your State passed on the 9th Day of April last, Copy whereof he delivered me.

As the service will essentially suffer if even much more Rum than the Quantity in Question is not immediately procured, I must beg the Favor of your Intervention:—perhaps the Reasons on which the Resolution of both Houses were founded now no longer exists, and that not only that Rum may be permitted to come to this place, but any other quantity he may be able to purchase. Mr. Renssalaer is the bearer of this, and will beg your pass for the purpose.

We have nothing new in this Quarter. All is quiet at Tyconderoga, and the Troops in great good health & spirits.

I am, Sir, respectfully, your most obedient humble sevt.

PH: SCHUYLER.

[P. 142.] Voted, That this house will to-morrow morning Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join a Committee of the Council to consider of the case of the Prisoners now in the several Goals in this State, & when & in what manner they shall be tried for the several facts or misdemeanors which they are charged with. [Concurred.]

[P. 143.] The Com^{tee} on the accusation agst John Clark [of Londonderry] reported as their opinion, That the said John Clark be committed to the Goal in Exeter untill the further orders of this General Assembly—which being read & considered, Voted that the same be rec^{d} & accepted.

Voted, That Col. Samuel Folsom of Exeter be & hereby is authorized & Impowered to repair to Boston with a sufficient guard to his likeing & there to receive the body of Col. Stephen Holland now confined in Goal there together with his horse & other effects taken with him, and to convey him safely to the Goal in Exeter as soon as may be—and that he receive out of the Treasury by order of the President two hundred Dollars, to pay the Reward offer'd by this State for apprehending said Holland & also the charges of escorting him to Exeter, and that said Folsom be accountable for the said sum. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Mr. General Folsom be & hereby is directed to order & set a Guard of sixteen men, with a proper officer included to take care of & guard the Goal in Exeter both day & night, & to be so ordered that not less than Eight men be on said guard at a time, during the night or from sunset to sunrise, and that said officer & men remain on said service for the term of three months next ensuing, unless sooner discharged, and that they receive the same wages & rations as the men in the service of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 144.] Thursday, June 12th, 1777.

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole according to the vote of yesterday, to join a Committee of the board to consider of the case of sundry prisoners now in the several Goals in this State, and when & in what manner they shall be tried for the several facts or misdemeanours which they are charged with. Which Committee being joined by a Com^{tee} of the whole Council proceeded to consider of the matter to them referred, and after some time spent thereon came to the following determination & report, That it is Expedient that a Power be lodged in some persons to take up & commit to prison or otherwise restrain for a limited time such Persons as they have violent suspicion of as dangerous to the liberties of this State, to continue untill the first day of January next; That that Power be Vested in the Committee of Safety of this State for the time being; That the Committee of Safety be imediately appointed, and that a Committee be chosen to prepare a bill accordingly,

which report being read was accepted.

P. M.

Voted, To choose a Com^{tee} to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to Nominate to this House proper persons for a Committee of Safty of this State & the Number of said Committee, and their continuance in office, and to report thereon, and that Mr. Clagett, J. Dudley Esq. Mr. Giles, Mr. Knowles, Col. Webster, Mr. Worcester, Col. Badger, Mr. Lovewell & Mr. Gains be the Com^{tee} of this house, for that purpose. [Concurred.]

[P. 145.] Voted, That this house Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join a Com^{tee} of the whole Council to hear & examine sundry Witnesses against the Prisoners lately committed te Goal in Exeter on suspicion of being enemical to the liberties of this State; which Com^{tee} being joined by the Hon^{bl} Council, the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare Esq^{r} in the Chair, proceeded to examine the said Witnesses, & then the Committee was dissolved, and the Speaker resumed the Chair.

[The evidences in this examination have not been found.—Ed.]

Voted, That Peter Green Esq^{r} and John Stevens(1) be liberated from close Prison, they giving bond, with sufficient Surety, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the sum of five hundred Pounds each, for the use of this State, that they shall remain true prisoners, within the Prison yard of the Prison in Exeter untill further order of this house or of the Committee of Safety in this State; and that in the mean time, Jeremiah Clough, jun. Esq. & Richard Allison be kept prisoners in said prison.

Letter from General Sullivan, relating to Gen. Howe, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 103.]

Head Quarters, Princeton, June 12th, 1777.

Much esteemed Sir,—

Permit me in the language of Addison to Inform you, That tomorrow will be the great the important day, big with the fate of *Britain and America.* General How has arrived with the whole strength of his army at Brunswick & marches for Philadelphia tomorrow, or perhaps this night: he has seven days provision cook'd, his Pontons Loaded, his out-posts Evacuated & all his army collected at Brunswick ready to march; he is determined to have Philadelphia or perish in the attempt. (Heaven grant the latter may be his Fate.) My Division of the Army consisting of sixteen hundred men, is stationed on this side & General Washington with the Residue of the army, is at Bound Brook on the other side Brunswick; so it seems Mr. Howe and myself must once more meet upon unequal terms; but I shall have the honor, if I conquer; & suffer no disgrace, if I am beaten, provided I behave well with the Troops I have. I am in great hopes we shall embarrass him till General Washington comes up & then I think his fate is certain. The game is truly interesting, but we must play it. If we conquer, Howe is Ruined past Relief; but if he conquers with great loss on his side, his fate will only be removed to a more distant period; but his destruction is certain. On our side we have every prospect of retrieving our misfortune (should we be defeated) & of revenging our disgrace upon a weakened subject; perhaps when you read this, the account of the Battle may be before you—& I pray God it may be such as you would wish; whether my fate be to fall or to survive I hope Heaven will enable me to fulfill the promises I have made my Country. Dr Sir,—believe me to be, with much respect, your most obedient Serv^{t} JN^{o} SULLIVAN.

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(1) Peter Green, Esq., and John Stevens, were both of Concord; see notices of them in History of Concord, pp. 272, 273, 563-565.—Ed.

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare.

Friday, June 13th, 1777.

[P. 146.] Voted, That Mr. John Pierce of Portsmouth, now in Prison there, have Liberty to Depart this State and to repair to the West Indies or to Great Britain, & not to return to this State nor to any part of this Continent, without Leave had & obtained of the General Assembly or of the Continental Congress; he making oath before some magistrate in this State and subscribing the same, That he will not bear arms against the People of this State or any of the United States of America during the present contest with Great Britain. [Concurred.]

The Committee of both Houses appointed to Nominate proper persons for a Com^{tee} of Safety of this State & the number of said Committee & their continuance in office, made Report, as their opinion:

That the Committee of Safety do consist of thirteen members, viz: The Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Nicholas Gilman, Ebenezer Thompson, John Dudley, George Gains, Josiah Moulton, John Wentworth jun. Nathaniel Peabody, John McClary, Thomas Odiorne, Jonathan Lovewell, & Benjamin Giles, Esq^{rs}.—& that they continue in office untill another Committee of Safety be appointed. (Sign'd)

George King, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be receiv'd & accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That John Clark of Londonderry be liberated from Prison, he giving bond with sureties to the speaker of this house in the sum of five hundred pounds for the use of this State, that he confine himself to the limits of his own farm in Londonderry for the space of six months next coming, excepting going to public worship on Sundays. [Concurred.]

[P. 147.] Voted to choose a Com^tee^ of this house to join such as the Hon^bl^ board shall appoint to consider of the Petition of Col. Asa Porter, & report thereon & that Jno. Dudley Esq. Mr. Giles and Mr. Odiorne be of the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King, joined.]

[P. 148.] A Com^tee^ appointed to consider what is the best manner to proceed in against John Maloney and Dr. Callighan,(1) persons suspected to be enemical to the Liberties of this State, and report thereon, made report as their opinion that they be committed to the Goal in Exeter for safe-keeping.

(Signed) Tim^o^. Walker, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted and that the President give order accordingly. [Concurred.]

Saturday, June 14th, 1777.

[P. 149.] The Committee to consider the Petition of Col^o^ Asa Porter reported as their opinion,

> That he be liberated from his present confinement on condition that he give bond with one Surety to the Speaker of the Hon^bl^ House of Representatives in the sum of five hundred pounds conditioned, that he repair without loss of time to Boxford in the County of Essex in the State of Massachusetts Bay & continue on his father's farm situate in said Town for the term of twelve months Excepting liberty of attending public worship on Sundays & in the meantime be of good behaviour towards all the subjects of the American States, more especially the subjects of this State & not depart said town without leave—also pay into the hands of the receiver General the amount of the expence of apprehending and securing him the said Porter from the first to this time.
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> (Signed) J. Wentworth—chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 150.] Resolve Impowering the Committee of Safety of this State to cause to be apprehended and convened before them & committ such persons as they shall find to be enemical to the American States &c. was read a third time and passed. [Concurred.]

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(1) Doctor Philip *Carrigain* was of Concord. See notice of him in Hist. of Concord, pp. 27, 284, &c.

Petition of Capt. Wm. Scott.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 91.]

State of New Hamp^r } To the Hon^ble Council and House of
Rockingham SS. } Representatives—&c....

The humble Petition of William Scott of Peterborough in the County of Hillsborough in the State aforesaid, Gentleman; *Shews*, That he has orders from his Excellency General Washington to raise a Company of Rangers in the Continental service, which Company your Petit^r has been for a long time endeavoring to raise, but hath not been able to raise it, for want a larger Bounty being offered than the Continental: Wherefore your Petit^r humbly prays that your Honors would grant an additional bounty for the encouragement of those who shall 'list in s^d Company, and your Petit^r as in duty bound shall ever pray.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

June 10th, 1777.

The Committee on Capt. Scott's request reported that having considered the same they cannot think of any probable method of raising his Company, but what will be attended with insuperable Difficulties; yet considering of the great sufferings of Capt. Scott in the cause of his country & the losses & disappointments he has met with, beg leave to suggest whether some gratuity might not consistently be made him by this State. The first part of which Report was receiv'd & accepted & therefore, Voted, Not to give any State Bounty to the said Capt. Scott's Company.

Munday, June 16th, 1777.

[P. 151.] Voted, To choose a Com^tee to join such as the Hon^bl Board shall appoint to take under consideration an Inventory of the Stock & moveables found on the farm in Mason, belonging to Samuel Tarbell of Groton in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, now in Goal in that State, and to report thereon, and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Webster & Mr. Philbrick be the Com^tee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Patten added.]

Tuesday, June 17, 1777.

Voted, That all subaltern officers who receive money out of the Treasury for the purpose of paying Bounties to soldiers shall give Bond to the Treasurer with Sureties to account for the same.

Votes, acc^{ts}, petitions, acts &c. passed on by the House & concurred by the Council from June 10th to June 17th, 1777.

Petition of James Head & others of Pembroke against the election of Capt. Sam^{l} M^{c}Connell, as a representative—hearing ordered.

Solomon Wheeler to receive £100 out of the Treasury to purchase corn for the State.

Maj. Gains required to muster a fifer for Capt. Gray's Com^{y} in Col. Scammell's Reg^{t}.

Col. Peabody added to the Com^{tee} on the Treas^{rs} Acc^{t}.

Vote to call in and sink all the Bills of Credit issued in 1775.

Tho^{s} Odiorne & Samuel Brooks appointed a Committee to receive in all counterfeit bills presented.

Eben^{r} Thompson, & others, appointed to draw up & present to Congress a Statement of our money or bills of credit.

Petition of Alexander Stewart—Com^{tee} to consider & report.

Com^{tee} on petition of officers & soldiers in the late Capt. Wm. Stilson's company, of Col. Wyman's Regt.

John Webster's muster-roll, allowed, £3:16:0.

Petition of Enoch Chase & others of East Kingston, that they be made into a separate company: hearing granted.

Additional pay to Capt. McConnell's Company allowed, £149:2:0.

Capt. Titus Salter's pay-roll allowed £211:12:8.

Stephen Hoyt's acc^{t}. allowed £3:19:0.

New Chester inhabitants petition—hearing granted.

Committee to consider the subject of raising & levying a State tax.

Acc^{t} of the Receiver General & Treasurer, approved.

Dr. Caleb Greenleaf Adams appointed Paymaster for companies lately raised.—to receive from the Treasury, £500.

Petition of Col. Moulton, Col. Senter & Maj^{r} Richardson in behalf of Moultonborough, for incorporation of a tract of land into two townships—hearing granted.

Lieut. Nute to receive £60, for the purpose of enlisting soldiers for the continental Army.

Order from the Board of War.

(Extract.) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 105.]

War office, June 16, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

"You will be pleased to render an account to the Board of all monies expended on account of Prisoners of War & Sums paid to them. You will be pleased to be very exact in the Account & see that no charges are omitted, as the Enemy are rigidly accurate in their charges against the States on account of Prisoners. All sums omitted will be lost by the State wherein the charge was neglected to be made."

I have the honor to be your very obedient servant,

RICHARD PETERS, Sec^{y}.

Hon^{ble} Council of the State of N. Hampshire.

Instructions to our Delegates about soliciting aid of the Continental Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 121.]

To the Honble
WILLIAM WHIPPLE, GEORGE FROST, NATHANIEL FOLSOM, Esqrs Delegates:

The General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire herewith Transmit to you a Request to Congress soliciting the Loan of a sum in Continental Bills for redeeming and sinking the Paper Bills emitted & issued forth by the said State for the purpose of defending the United Colonies and the good people within the same:

That you immediately Deliver the said request to the President of Congress to be communicated—That you do in the most pressing manner urge the necessity (from local circumstances) of such a Grant for the purpose aforesaid: For the following Reasons:—Because the Paper Bills emitted as aforesaid will not pass in Payment in the New England States; The flood of Counterfeits (not easily discovered) circulating with the Genuine; and if a Sum sufficient for calling in & sinking their currency should be imprinted or struck off, it would very soon be attended with the like Catastrophe: For want of a medium which can be depended upon they are greatly perplexed; The Sea-Coast must be defended or our Towns on the same will be plunder'd & Destroyed. In March last the General Assembly passed An Act enabling the Receiver General to Borrow twenty thousand pounds Lawful money at the Interest of six pr Ct, and he has not been able to collect half that sum. Upon the whole, the General Assembly (with much concern) view the situation of their Public affairs; are greatly at a loss to find what they can do further in supporting the important Defence of these States.

In the name & by the order of the General Assembly.
Exeter, June 20th, 1777.

Petition to Congress from the Assembly of New Hampshire.

(Copy) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 107.]

To the Honbl the Delegates of the United States of America in General Congress assembled, at Philadelphia - - - - - - June 17th, 1777.

The General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, *Shews:*

That at the beginning of the present unnatural War the Congress, and afterwards the General Assembly of the then Colony of New Hampshire, were from an absolute necessity, compell'd to Emit and Issue forth divers sums in Paper Bills, amounting to Eighty three thousand & six hundred Pounds lawful money, payable at certain Periods, for the sole purpose of Defending the United Colonies & the Good People within the same.

That in January & April last past the General Assembly emitted thirty thousand pounds in Treasurer's Notes bearing an annual interest of six per cent for paying Bounties to the soldiers ingaging in the Continental service.

That very lately certain wicked & designing men, no ways regarding the Welfare & Happiness of the said States, but from Base & Sordid

Motives have Fabricated & Uttered within the said states, great numbers of Counterfeit Bills in imitation of the paper Bills Emitted as aforesaid, by Reason whereof trade & intercourse are nearly at an end to the very great Damage of the said state.

That they have neither artificers sufficient nor materials proper for striking off a new emission that cannot be as easily counterfeited & have not means in their hands at this time, nor any Prospect of otherwise immediately calling in & sinking their currency:—And ever anxious (with their lives & fortunes) for supporting the Independence of the said States are obliged to apply to you as the last Resort: WHEREFORE, They Request that they may have a sum advanced to them, in such way & Payable at such time as you may judge Reasonable, for redeeming & sinking the said sum of Eighty three thousand six hundred pounds: For the true Payment whereof the faith of the said State is pledg'd.

In the name and by order of the General Assembly.

Letter to one Benjamin Brooks of Claremont (intercepted), *relating to the action of Tories.*

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 109.]

SIR—I would inform you that I have just received Intelligence from Canada, & they are a making all preparations to come down & I would have you all stand in readiness to help; your arms are all ready for you & will be sent to some secure Place, so that you may have them & I will let you know where, in a few days you may expect to receive them. I would have you encourage all friends for Government, not to give back & let every thing be kept as a profound secret; for our Lives depend upon it;—for if the Plan should be discovered we are gone, & if there [are] any more that have sworn allegiance to the King since I talk'd with you, I sh^{d} be glad to know it, for I must make a return how many men we can raise. I hear that Capt. Sumner is laid under Bonds since I saw you there; I hope he won't be discouraged & if he made any Progress I should be glad to know it—I hope in six weeks we shall be able to clear all our friends from Bonds & Imprisonment:—For God's sake let every thing be carried on with secresy & I doubt not thro' the justness of our cause we shall overcome the Damned Rebels.

So I remain a true friend to Government.

Dated, Thetford, June 17, 1777.

To Capt. Benjamin Brooks.

(A Copy.)

[P. 152.] Voted to choose a Committee to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to consider of the matters transmitted to this house by the Committee of Packersfield, concerning Breed Batchelder and Robert Gilmore, and to report thereon, and that Dr. Dearborn, Col. Goffe, & Capt. Gilman be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred. Mr. Gilman & Mr. Patten joined.]

Voted, To chuse a Com^{tee} of three to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to consider of the letter & Depositions transmitted by Mr. Justice Page & Mr. Justice Little respecting Jeremiah Bowen & William Rogers, and to report thereon and that Capt. Pettingale, Mr. Gibson & Col. Peabody be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Ashley added.]

The Committee of both houses—to consider of the evidence transmitted to this house concerning Breed Batchelder & Robert Gilmore, Reported as their opinion:

That the said Breed Batchelder & Robert Gilmore be confined to close keeping in some Goal in this State, there to remain untill the further order of this Court or the Committee of Safety, or untill they are otherwise liberated by a due course of Law.

(Sign'd) Nich'^{s} Gilman, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted and thereupon, Voted, That the said Breed Batchelder & Robert Gilmore be committed to close Prison in some Goal in this State.

Voted, That the soldiers and officers of the Militia in the service of this State for one month be made up in the Roll & paid for so long a time as is reasonable for them to travel home, accounting 20 miles a day's travel, and that they have two pence per mile allowed for travel from their respective homes to the place of their destination. That the paymaster pay off the Rolls accordingly, & that the President or Secretary give Instructions therefor. [Concurred.]

[P. 153.] P. M.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Enoch Chase, Ezekiel Merrill & others, Inhabitants of the East parish in Kingston (soldiers belonging to Col. Bartlett's regiment) praying to be made a separate company in said Regiment,

Voted, That the Petitioners & such as shall choose to join them, be and hereby are formed into a separate company in said Regiment & to chuse their officers according to the Law of this State, unless they shall within two months next ensuing come into some agreement otherwise, with the other part of the Company to which they now belong; and if they cannot agree within that time, that then the officers so chosen be commissioned accordingly, and that all persons removing into said Parish, or that shall become of age to train hereafter, within said Parish, shall have liberty to Enlist into either of said Companys any time within three months after such removal or coming of age as afores^{d}, giving notice to the Chief Colonel or commanding officer of said Regiment of their desire to Enlist or be Enlisted into such company. [Non-concurred.]

[P. 154.] Voted, That Mr. Ezekiel Sole of Woolwich have Liberty to purchase in this State & carry to said Woolwich & places adjacent on Kenebeck river as much corn & grain as will load his vessell now at Piscataqua, & that the President give him a permit accordingly. [Concurred.]

The Committee of both houses appointed to consider of the Letters & Depositions transmitted by Mr. Justice Page & Mr. Justice Little respecting Jeremiah Bowen and William Rogers, (1) made Report:

That altho' said Rogers has not acted with that prudence which was necessary, there is not grounds to detain him further and therefore recommend that he be discharged.

Sign'd Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which report being read & consider'd, Voted That the same be receiv'd and accepted, and that said Rogers be discharged upon his taking and subscribing the Oath of Fidelity to this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 155.] The Committee appointed to consider of the request of Col. Holland's wife, made report:

That it is their opinion, Mrs. Holland may be admitted to her husband after being examin'd by the Goaler's wife, and tarry as long as she pleases, provided she remains in the apartment with him.

(Signed) Geo. King, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted That the same be receiv'd and accepted. [Concurred.]

Wednesday, June 18th, 1777.

[P. 156.] Voted, That John Wentworth jun^{r} Esq^{r} be added to the Com^{tee} for revising the Laws & Drawing up acts during this session, in the room & stead of Wyseman Clagett Esq. who is absent. [Concurred.]

Upon reading & considering the Petition of Simon Dearborn Esq^{r} in behalf of the Inhabitants of Middleton and of

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(1) William Rogers was of Dunbarton. Nothing more is said of Bowen.—ED.

Leavittstown, praying that said Towns may be Incorporated with Town Priviledges,

Voted, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Assembly, on the first day of Aug. next, &c., & give notice.

The Committee on the motion of Benjamin Giles Esq. concerning Prisoners now in custody in the County of Cheshire, reported as their opinion:

That the Justices of the peace in the County of Cheshire, who lately took up & confined sundry persons suspected to be Enemical to the [P. 157.] Libertys of America, be directed to transmit the Evidence taken in their presence for and against them, to the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State as soon as may be, and wait their orders & further Directions concerning them; and that in the mean time, the said Justices be authorized to confine such of them as they shall think proper in such way and manner, and in either of the Counties of Cheshire or Hillsborough, till such further order, which is humbly submitted by Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

State of New Hampshire } In the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & seventy seven.

An Act for taking up, imprisoning or otherwise restraining persons dangerous to this State.

[Copied from the original on file in Secy^s office.]

Whereas at a time when the public Enemy have actually invaded some of the United States of America, and threaten an invasion of this State;—the safety of the Commonwealth requires that a power be somewhere lodged to imprison or otherwise restrain any persons whose enlargement is dangerous to the Community:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the Committee of Safety for said State for the time being may issue their Warrant under the hand and seal of their chairman, directed to any Sheriff or Deputy sheriff within this State, or to any other person by name, to command and cause to be apprehended & committed to any Goal within this State, any person whom the said Committee of Safety shall deem the safety of the Commonwealth requires should be restrained of his personal liberty, or whose enlargement within this State is dangerous thereto; And the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff or any other person to whom such warrant shall be directed, is hereby authorized and impowered whenever he shall judge it proper, to require the aid & assistance of such and so many of the subjects of this State, in executing the same as he shall think proper,—who are hereby required to give such aid & assistance when thereto requested under a penalty not less than five pounds nor exceeding twenty pounds, to be recovered by Indictment before the Superior Court or a Court of General Sessions of the peace, within the same County where the offence shall be committed—one moiety thereof to the use of the prosecutor & the other moiety to the use of this State.

And, *Be it further enacted*, by the authority aforesaid, that any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff or any other person to whom such warrant shall be directed shall have full power (after demanding admittance) to break open any dwelling house or other building or apartment between sun rising and sun setting, in which they shall suspect any person required to be apprehended by such Warrant, is concealed.

And, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any person who shall be apprehended & imprisoned as aforesaid shall be continued in Imprisonment without bail or mainprise, until he be discharged therefrom by order of said Committee or of the General Court.

And, Be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Safety upon petition or otherwise to convene before them any person committed as aforesaid by virtue of this Act, and also all persons heretofore committed on suspicion of the like offences, and to make due examination thereon, and if any or all the persons so committed shall appear to be innocent of the crimes alledged against them, then to give order for their enlargement or otherwise to continue them under imprisonment at their discretion.

And, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Committee of Safety shall from time to time, have full power and lawful authority to order any person or Persons that may be or that have been taken up as aforesaid, to be confined in such other way as they may judge necessary for the public good.

This Act to be in force until the first day of January next and no longer.

State of New Hampshire.

In the House of Representatives, June 19, 1777.

The foregoing bill having been three times read Voted. That it pass to be enacted. JOHN LANGDON, Speaker.

In Council the same day: The foregoing Act having been read a third time, Voted, That the same be enacted.

M. WEARE, President.

Depositions & Orders of Justices in the County of Cheshire relative to Tories, June 3, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. pp. 65–68.]

[Indictments were found against the following named persons, and "the Evidences taken from the mouth of the diffrint Persons after named, at a Special Session held at Keen, June 3d, 1777, on and by ajounments."—ED.]

Elijah King's Inditement Read—Plead not guilty.

Seth Walker's Evidence	That he said he Look'd upon the Country in a wrong cause: said if he must take up arms, he should on the other side.

Lieut. Johnson's Evidence	Said he did not like Independence: He said if I must take up arms, it must be on the other side.
Peter Bellows—Evidence.	To the same purpose.
Maj—Caleb Willard	He heard him say, *if he* took up arms, it would be on the King's side.

Capt. *Samuel Smiths*, Inditement Read—Plead not guilty.

Stephen Baldwin's Evidence	Have heard him declare, That he was on the King's side, and when any News in our favour, he would say, 'Twas a Damn'd Lye: he said he never had nor would take up arms. Divers times heard him utter words Discouraging; have heard him protest against the common cause.
Josiah Stebbins Evidence	Heard him talk Discouraging; he said he beleiv'd three-fourths were sorry that they had taken up arms and he believ'd the other fourth.
Elijah Smith's Evidence	Elijah Smith ask'd said Smith what would be done with us if overcome: he said, the Leading men would be hang'd; and he view'd our cause not good. The Tories among us would be the strongest: That Howe's Proclamation was a good Plan—it would be better for us to be overcome than not.
Jeremiah Hatch's Evidence	Says he heard him say, he was on the King's side. He believ'd he must go to Howe, for if they oblig'd him to take up arms he must, tho' he lost his Estate: Offered to let some of his land go for that purpose: Believ'd good part of the people were sorry that had begun; In General, Spoke Discouraging to the Cause; Said Howe's proclamation was good; that the People were distracted if they did not *Ex.* cept: he should be glad if the people would.
Stephen Putman's Evidence	Heard him say, he believ'd within three weeks all would be glad to be Tories: when the fleet comes 60,000 and besetts all the sea-ports, then there would be pale-faces—he spoke discouraging of the American cause in all respects; must take up arms for the King if on either side; said there is a great many Tories gone to the British army, and said we can hear from them every day; and, Thank God, they can't keep it from us.
John Butrick's Evidence	Never heard him speak in favour of the Americans but in favour of the King: I said to him, if you cannot think as other people do, you had better not speak; He then Damn'd the Blue Skins (meaning the Liberty People) said Hell was gaping for them now—and the Congress was not a Damning Better.

Simon Baxter's Inditement Read—Plead not guilty.

Jonah Stow's Evidence & Henry Rumril's

Some time last fall being with Baxter, Lieut Waldo came along in order to warn men to training in order to raise men: Baxter said you had better not do any thing, for in eight months we shall all be overcome; but if they would lay down their arms he would protect them:—heard him say further, that Howe's Proclamation had better be complied with;—and that if the Committee would give him a pass, he would go and procure a pardon for the Town.

Absalom Kingsbury's Evidence.

Baxter said Howe's Proclimation ought to be comply'd with;—said he was willing to do any thing in the war; but said he expected to have the money paid back again—he understood by Britain.

Henry Rumrill's Evidence

When the People were ordered to march to Ticonderoga, said, they that would go to the Regulars would injoy their Estates of them that took arms, and would share in the Estates of the Rebels, and said there was a proclimation from How declaratory of it.

Joseph Whitney's Evidence

Says he heard Baxter telling a man that he had been to the Regulars (sometime after Bunker-hill fight) told him also how he got there and what he said to the Capt. of the Regular Guard, also that he stay'd all night with him.

Sam^{l} Chandler's Evidence.

That Baxter said he was on the King's side—them that would comply with How's proclimation should be safe; said further that Baxter told him he had been at Bunker-hill to the Regulars and was there two hours and drink'd with them; carry'd with him a publick paper to evidence he was a friend to them. Talk'd of going to the Regulars to put himself under their protection, for he did not look upon himself safe here.

Beulah Waldo's Evidence

That Baxter told him, That How had sent for them all to come to him: said he would take an opportunity to go if he could, and advised him also, and that it was his duty to be a Loyal subject to the King.

John Delano's Evidence

Baxter said he hoped That, that was Right would get the upper hand; That Hows proclimation was good &c, Said Further, had he been at the Execution of Dunbar with twenty men, he would have Rescued him or lost his life.

Esq. Waldo's Evidence

Says Baxter advised him to throw Down his arms, and he would warrant they should be pardon'd; for the country would be subdued within eight months—else the Lord had not spoken by Simon Baxter.

Jo^{n} Shepard's Evidence

Baxter said Hows proclimation was good; if the people would accept it, he would forfeit his life if all their Privileges was not secured to them—and now is the last offer: if the Town of Alstead would accept, he would go with all freedom and without expence and procure a pardon for it; and said that *John Congress* could not give a Commission worth a snap or a fart, &c.

Elijah Willard's Inditement Read—plead not guilty.

Sanderson's Evidence. Elijah Willard says he had as leive risque his Estate in the Regulars hands as ours.

Alexand's Evidence. Said that they had no Right to Draught him for they had taken away his arms, that he would not sign the Association for he believ'd the Country would be overcome. Spake also Diminitively of our Authority and Damn'd them, and said if men were forced to give £100 old Ten^r for eight months he had Rather be in the Regulars hands.

Josiah Butler's Inditement Read—plead not guilty.

Doolittle's Evidence Says that Butler sent money to Capt. Taylor, the Committee adjudged to be Counterfeit Sword money.

Dea. Cole's Evidence Says Butler offered a six Dollar Bill to me which I was loath to take but on his pressing I did.

Ladd's Evidence His general character is a Tory.

Tim. Holbrook's Evidence When Oliver Church about three weeks ago from Long Island brought 2000 Dollars Deliver'd to Josiah Butler and others; y^y to have Twenty pounds out of Thirty for putting off.

Wm. Negis Evidence Confirmed the above.

Abner Sanger's Inditement Read—plead not guilty.

Upon his own confession before the Court, said that the Colonies had no right to declare Independence, and that he tho't it his duty to do and say against the proceedings of the Congress &c.

Will^m Barraa's Evidence Says, That when the Committee order'd him and some others of the Militia to bring Sanger in order to examination, that he swung his Axe at them and told them to Disperse you Damn'd Rebels; and when they had taken him, that on the way he drank a toast to the King and success to his Majesty's Arms and confusion to Americans.

Silas Cook's Evidence He said he had a pardon in his pocket, meaning How's proclamation, and said we should loose our Estates if we did not sign it, and said that the Congress were a Disgrace to a Gibbet;—and said we were all fools &c. Confess'd he was on the King's side and signified that he wanted to go over to the King's troops & wanted only the protection of the country to conduct him there.

Prentice Willard's Inditement Read, plead not guilty.

Elijah Dodge's Evidence — Willard says upon the whole, he was not with us, and if it come to the Test he would Depart or sign.

Butrix Evidence — Says he tho't it best to accept How's proclimation and lay down our arms. Concerning Lexington fight he said he would fight till he lost the last drop of blood.

Jewell's Evidence. — Willard says, This money won't be good for nothing two months longer; it would not purchase Land—he did not choose to take up arms on either side, for he look'd upon it murder.

Scott's Evidence — Heard Willard say, If he must be govern'd by a tyrant he choose to have a great way off.

Wm. Dodge's Evidence — Heard him say, if such and such men would go, their families should not suffer, he would support them on his own cost. Never heard him speak Discouraging to our cause.

Aldrich's Evidence — Willard Said be believ'd the Indians were coming down—told me he believ'd the Woods would be his portion; ask'd if I would find him with provision; said he would not fight on either side, he had rather flee to the woods, than be took by the people and brought to Tryal.

Martin's Evidence — In conversation Willard said, he was afraid of his life. If he could not live here in peace he would go on the other side; but if he did he would not fight, for he said he had rather fight for the Americans than against them.

Continued on another paper.(1)

State of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety, June 30th, 1777.

Upon examination of the Evidences transmitted to this Committee by the Justices of a Special Sessions held at Keen, June 3d, 1777, for enquiring into the conduct of sundry persons represented as unfriendly to the American Cause, and by said Justices were ordered to be kept under guard, and the evidences respecting their Conduct laid before this Comtee for their further order. It appears to this Comtee That Samuel Smith of Winchester, gentleman, Simon Baxter of Alstead, Yeoman, Elijah Willard of Winchester, Yeoman, and Abner Sanger of Keen Yeoman, have discovered so unfriendly a disposition to the Cause in which the United States of America are engaged as makes it necessary they should be closely confined till further Orders; And that Elijah King of Charlestown Yeoman, and Prentice Willard of Winchester Yeoman, should be confined within certain limits, all of them within the County of Cheshire:—

It is therefore Ordered by the Comtee That the said Elijah King give Bond in the sum of £500, with two sufficient sureties, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, That he will be of the good behaviour towards all the subjects of the United States, and of this in particular, And that he will not go more than one half mile from the house of his residence, untill the first day of Jany next, or further order of the Comtee of Safety or General Court, or leave obtain'd of the

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(1) No other paper has been found.—Ed.

Com^{tee} of the Town; and in case he shall refuse to give such Bond with Sureties, then that he be committed to Goal in Charlestown in s^{d} County, till he shall give the same; and the Keeper of said Goal is hereby required to receive & detain him accordingly; and it is further ordered, That Prentice Willard give Bond to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the sum of £500 with two sufficient sureties to be of the good behaviour towards all the subjects of the United States of America, and of this in particular, and that he will not go beyond the limits of the said Town of Winchester untill the first day of Jan^{y} next, or further order of the Com^{tee} of Safety or Gen^{l} Court; and in case he shall refuse to give such Bond then that he be committed to the Goal in Charlestown aforesaid, till he shall give the same; And the keeper of said Goal is hereby required to receive and detain him accordingly.

And it is further Ordered, That the said Samuel Smith, Simon Baxter, Elijah Willard & Abner Sanger be delivered by the Guard who now have the care of them to the keeper of the Goal in Charlestown aforesaid; and the said keeper is hereby Required to receive them into his custody, and them safely to keep untill the first day of Jan^{y} next or further Order of the Com^{tee} of Safety or Gen^{l} Court of this State.

By order of the Com^{tee}.

The Committee of both houses upon the expedience of forming a new Regiment in this State, partly out of the Fourth, & partly out of the regiment commanded by Col^{o} Thomas Stickney, reported—

That it is Expedient that a New Regiment should be formed as soon as may be, to be composed of the Militia of Nottingham, Deerfield, Northwood, Epsom & Chichester—which is submitted by—

Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted that the same be receiv'd & accepted. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[Upon the petition of Enoch Chase & others of East Kingston—see *ante*, June 17.]

Voted, That the Petitioners & such others as shall chuse to join with them be and hereby are allowed to be a separate Company in said Regiment, and to chuse their officers according to the Law of this State, and that they shall remain a separate Company in said Regiment so long as the officers so chosen shall remain in Commission. [Concurred.]

[P. 158.] [On report of the Committee] on the Inventory of the stock & moveables found on the farm in Mason belonging to Samuel Tarbell of Groton, Mass.;

Voted, That the Committee of Safety of Mason sell all the Live Stock & other perishable articles in said Inventory mentioned, at Auction, giving reasonable notice before hand; —That they be accountable to this State for the amount thereof, That the said Committee store all the other articles for safe-keeping & to be also accountable; & that the said Committee be directed to make return of their doings to this house or to the Committee of this State as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

Thursday, June 19th, 1777.

Voted, That this house resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Honbl Board to take into consideration the Expediency of taking off the Embargo on the shipping in Piscataqua harbour, and also of Putting into execution or repealing the late acts of this State for regulating the prices of sundry articles therein enumerated. [In Committee of the Whole.]

[P. 159.] Honbl Meshech Weare in the chair——After Debate & consideration, agreed to Report—That it is the opinion of this Committee, That the Regulation Act (so called) be not repealed, and as to the matter of Taking off the Embargo under consideration, That the Embargo be not taken off wholly, nor under any restrictions. [Accepted and Concurred.]

Friday, June 20th, 1777.

[P. 160.] Voted, To chuse a Comtee of three, to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to consult together upon the expediency of employing some Gentleman of the Law to assist the Attorney Generall at the Trials of such persons as shall be indicted in this State for counterfeiting or uttering Counterfeit bills of this or any of the United States, and to Nominate such assistant & report what sum shall be given him by this State for such services; and that Col° Badger, Col° Nichols and Col° Webber be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—and Mr. King, Mr. Walker & Mr. Blanchard joined.]

[P. 161.] Voted, That the Honbl Jonathan Blanchard Esqr Nathaniel Peabody Esq. and John Wentworth jun. Esq. be a Committee to collect such evidence as they can find out, against the Counterfeiters of the Bills of Credit of this State or of the United States or any of them, and against the uttering of such counterfeited bills, and to return the same when collected to the Attorney General of this State as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

[P. 162.] The Committee appointed to take into consideration the regulation of the Militia of this State made Report:

That it is expedient in their opinion that the Regiments of Militia in this State be divided into three Brigades: The first Brigade to consist of the following regiments, viz. Whipple's, Evans', Moulton's, Gilman's, Bartlett's and the New Regiment lately formed: The Second, Webster's, Thornton's, Nichols', Hale's, Ashley's, Bellow's: The third, Moore's, Stickney's, Badger's, Hobart's, Chase's & Morey's: and that a Brigadier General and a Brigade Major be appointed for such Brigade, and that an Adjutant General be appointed for the State,—which is humbly submitted.

By Josiah Bartlett, chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Philbrick made Report, viz.

That having met and considered the said Petition and the Evidence offered to support the same, That it appears to this Committee, that the Dwelling House of the said Joseph Philbrick was by some unknown accident consumed by fire, as set forth in his said Petition, and that the sum of five hundred & thirty eight Continental Dollars emitted upon the credit of the United States of America, one hundred & thirty dollars or the value thereof in other money emitted upon the credit of the State of New Hampshire and one ten pound note issued by the State of the Massachusetts Bay, and about twenty one Dollars & a third of a Dollar emitted by the said State of the Massachusetts Bay & other of the United States, amounting in all to the sum of seven hundred & Twenty three Dollars, being the property of the said Joseph Philbrick, was at the same time actually consumed by fire in and with the said house, and intirely lost to the Petitioner,—Whereby the State or States upon whose Credit the several species of money so burned was respectively emitted, have reaped an advantage equal to that part of the loss the Petitioner has sustained, as it has sunk so much of the public moneys emitted by such State or States respectively: Wherefore, the Committee beg leave further to report as their opinion, That there ought to be paid out of the Treasury of this State to the Petitioner the sum of one hundred and thirty Dollars as a compensation to him for that sum emitted by said State & sunk as above set forth: And that the whole matter be represented to the Hon^{bl} Continental Congress, that the petitioner may have the benefit thereof in applying for compensation for the Continental money consumed as aforesaid; and that the matter be likewise made known to the State of the Massachusetts Bay, in behalf of said Petitioner, that he may obtain some compensation from that State also: All which is humbly submitted by

Timothy Walker, jun. Chairman.

Voted That the same be received & accepted.

P. M.

[P. 163.] Upon Reading & considering the Petition of Richard Cutts Shannon, praying to be discharged from Prison or admitted to bail so that he may have opportunity of seeing his Distressed wife once more:

Voted, That he have Leave to visit his family at Holles, Provided he give bond to the Speaker of the Hon^bl house of Representatives in the sum of one thousand pounds, with two sufficient sureties in five hundred pounds each, for the use of this State, conditioned that he imediately repair to his Family in Hollis, and keep himself within the limits of his own Estate there, until his return; and that he return to the Town of Exeter & deliver himself into the Custody of the Prison-keeper there within ten days from the time of his enlargement and that in the mean time he be of good behaviour towards all the good subjects of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 164.] Voted, To chuse a Com^tee to join such as the Hon^bl Board shall appoint to nominate to this house, proper Persons for three Brigadier Generals, Brigade Majors, and an Adjutant General for this State, and that Mr. Gains, Mr. Knowles, Col. Moulton, Sam^l Gilman Esq^r, Col. Webster, Mr. Betton, Col. Peabody, Col. Nichols, Col. Goffe, Mr. Dearborn, Col. Hutchins, Mr. Brainard, Capt. Alexander, Capt. Blood, Mr. Giles, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Britten, & Mr. M^cClary, be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Messrs. Bartlett, King, Wentworth, Thompson, Gilman, Warner, Ashley & Blanchard, added.]

Saturday, June 21^st, 1777.

[P. 165.] A Letter from Gov. Cooke of the 18^th Inst, requesting assistance of Troops from this State was read: Also a Letter from Gen^l Schuyler.

Letter from Gov. Cooke, of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 111.]

State of Rhode Island } Providence, June 18^th, 1777.

Hon. Gen^t—By authentic and undoubted information, we are assured that the Enemy upon Rhode Island do not consist of a less Number than 3000 men. You very well know the Facility with which by means of their shipping, they may attack this or any other Part of the State, and of what great Importance it is to the common cause to prevent their getting footing upon the Main Land.

By very late accounts taken in this State, it appears that our whole Number of Males from 16 years of age & upwards do not exceed 9350. You will easily conceive to what a Degree our Militia must have been fatigued and exhausted by a constant Round of Duty, for upwards of six months past, in guarding our extensive shores; and the consequent Injuries to Agriculture and all other Business, almost to the total Ruin of the State; and will necessarily be convinced of our utter inability to keep up a sufficient Body of Forces to oppose the Enemy.

We have had no assistance of men since the beginning of May last from any of our Sister States excepting the Massachusetts, who have at present here about 2000; the Time of a Part of whom expires on Saturday next, of a considerable Part in a week after, and of the Remainder in about three Weeks from this Day.

We have applied to that State by this opportunity to make provision for replacing them; and cannot but entertain hopes they will do it. However, that force should they send it, will be so insufficient, that it will throw so great a Burthen upon this State, that we must inevitably sink under it. The State of Connecticut being apprehensive of a powerful Invasion do not think at present they can afford us any assistance. We have it therefore to request you most earnestly to afford us a speedy Aid of men, as great as you can spare; and are with every sentiment of Esteem & Respect

Hon^ble^ Gen^t^, your most Obed^t^ Serv^t^.

Signed at the Request & in behalf of the Gen^l^ Assembly,

NICH^s^ COOKE.

Hon^bl^ Presid^t^ of the Council
of New Hampshire.

NOTE. Gen. Schuyler's Letter has not been found.—ED.

Answer to Gov. Cooke's Letter.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 125.]

State of New Hamp^r^ } Exeter, June 21^st^, 1777.

SIR—By the carrier, I this moment received yours of the 18^th^ inst. and observe that the Enemies force on Rhode Island does not consist of less than 3000 men;—very different from late reports here which asserted that not more than 300 men were left there. The amazing difficulty of compleating our quota of the Continental Troops has so engrossed the Public attention that the raising men to defend our own harbour & metropolis, as well as for your assistance has been neglected, until very lately, when a Resolution for Enlisting a Regiment was passed, 300 of which are destined for your State when raised, As a Bounty of 20 Dollars is given for 6 months I have reason to expect they will soon be raised and march to your Relief.

I am, Sir, with the utmost respect,

Your most obed^t^ humb^l^ serv^t^

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Gov. Cooke.
(Copy)

Voted, to choose a Com^tee^ of five to join such as the Hon^bl^ board shall appoint to consider of the Letters rec^d^ from Gov. Cooke & General Schuyler and report thereon, and that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Giles & Mr. Speaker, Capt. Moulton, Mr. John Wentworth jun. be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett & Mr. King added.]

The Committee on the Petition of Stephen Evens & John Wentworth, jun. Esq. in behalf of the town of Dover [for a Lottery, to build bridges]—made Report:

That altho' they Esteem Lotteries in general to be prejudicial to society, yet considering the unhappy Disputes that have arose & still subsist in the Town of Dover on account of said Bridges,(1) That an Act be passed enabling three Persons (to be named therein) as Managers, to raise by a Lottery one hundred and fifty Pounds for the purposes mentioned in the Petition, Including the Expences of carrying on said Lottery, and that, how the Managers shall account, and other regulations be particularly set forth in said Act, which is humbly submitted by Josiah Bartlett, chairman.

An Act to Prevent the Transfer or Conveyance of the Estates & property of such persons who have been or shall be apprehended for counterfeiting or fraudulently passing Counterfeit bills or currency of this State or of the United States of America, or either of them, or of the United States Lottery Tickets, or the Loan office Certificates, and also of the Estates & property of all such persons against whom Warrants have Issued or may Issue for being Guilty of either of Said offences, & have absconded, or that shall hereafter abscond—was read a third time & passed to be enacted. [Concurred.]

[P. 166.] The Committee of both Houses to consider the Letters rec^d^ from Gov^r^ Cook & Gen^l^. Schuyler, made report as their opinion:

That three hundred men be imediately raised and sent under the command of a Field Officer to Providence, and that the President advise Gov^r^ Cook thereof by the Posts return:

Also That the President inform Gen. Schuyler of the situation of the men raised in this State as their Quota of the Continental Army.

Sign'd by Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted. [Concurred.]

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(1) In the MS. Vol. "Towns," in the Secy's office, under head of Dover, are several petitions relating to bridges, lotteries, &c., but the particular petition here referred to, is not found.—ED.

Munday, June 23d, 1777.

[P. 167.] The Speaker being absent, Benja Giles Esq. Speaker pr. Tempore in the Chair.

Tuesday, June 24th 1777.

Voted, To chuse a Comtee of three to join a Comtee of the Honbl Board to consider of the Petition & remonstrance of the Revd Dr. Wheelock, (1) and to report thereon; and that Capt. Pettengale, Mr. Odiorne & Mr. Dearborn be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Col. Wentworth & Col. Ashley joined.]

Voted, That the Vote of Saturday last for raising three hundred men to be sent under the command of a Field officer to Providence, be and hereby is reconsidered—and that three hundred men be forthwith raised as part of a regiment of seven hundred & twenty men lately Voted to be raised for the defence of this State & of the other New England States; and that the said three hundred men be sent (as soon as raised & equipped) to Providence for the defence of the State of Rhode Island under the command of such officer or officers as shall hereafter be appointed by the General Court. [Concurred.]

Voted to chuse a Comtee to join such as the Honble Board shall appoint to Nominate to this house some person or persons to be sent to the Continental agent at Boston to procure cloathing for our Troops, and to purchase arms of the Massts State if they can be obtained, and that Capt. Moulton, J. Dudley Esq. & S. Dudley. Esq. be the Comtee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Gilman added.]

[P. 168.] P. M.

Voted, to choose a Comtee of Nine to join a Committee of the honbl Board to Nominate twelve proper persons to receive Enlisting orders for raising the Three hundred men to be raised for the defence of Rhode Island, and also to Nominate three proper persons out of whom for one to be chosen as a field officer to command said men & to report Whether the said Officer shall be a Colonel, a Lieut. Colonel or a Major—and that Capt. Moulton Col. Webster, Capt. Blood, Col. Peabody, Col. Nichols, Col. Bartlett, Mr. Knowles, Col. Hutchins, & Col. Evens be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker, Mr. Wentworth, & Mr. Patten joined.]

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(1) The said Petition and remonstrance has not been found.—ED.

Voted, That John McClary Esq. be and hereby is appointed Colonel of the New Regiment lately formed partly out of the fourth Regiment and partly out of Col. Stickney's regiment in this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Stephen Clark Esq. be & hereby is appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth regiment of Militia in this State—commanded by Col. Nicholas Gilman.(1)

[P. 169.] Voted, That Benjamin Giles Esq. be and hereby is appointed to receive of Daniel Jones, Esq. of Hinsdale what money he Sold a Cannon for belonging to this State, and to give said Jones a proper discharge therefor, and that said Giles be accountable to this State for the same. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Lieut. Coll. Bartlett be and hereby is appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the New Regiment lately formed in this State and that Daniel Page Esq^r be first Major, and John Cram, Esq^r be second Major of said Regiment. [Concurred.]

Acc^ts votes, petitions, &c. passed on in the House and concurred by the Council from the 18^th to 24^th June. *See Rec. of Council.*

Acc^t of Jos: Greenwood allowed £1:11:6.

Petition of Philip & Jacob Fowler, to enable them to review an Action of the Superior Court—leave to bring in a bill.

Acc^t of Thomas Hoyt & Benj. Bean. for bringing Wm. Rogers from Bow to Exeter, all^d £4:2:0.

Petition of Aaron Smith for allowance &c.—not granted.

Col. Wingate directed to apply to Quar. Mas. Gen^l. for allowance due his Reg^t. for eight days.

Sam^l Trott all^d £6:10, in full of his acc^t.

Petition of Simeon Dearborn, for incorporation of Middleton and Leavittstown—hearing granted.

Petition of inhabitants of Pembroke against the election of Capt. Samuel M^cConnell, as a representative—hearing deferred.

Act passed for taking up & imprisoning dangerous persons.

Capt. Cutting Cilley's pay roll all^d. £180:6:10

Do... rations of 33 men, 7 days. all^d £11:10:0.

Acct^t of John Burnam Hanson, in full, all^d. £55:14:0.

Acct^t. of Josiah Crosby for carting a tun of gun-powder from Exeter to Amherst, all^d £3:

Gen^l. Folsom, all^d £140, to be accounted for.

Tho^s. Jenness' balance of acc^t. all^d £35:14:0.

Rich^d Jenness' balance of acc^t. all^d £35:14:0.

Petition of Joseph Philbrick for compensation for loss of money by fire, granted, by the State, the sum of 130 dollars: The balance referred to the Continental Cong. and to the Mass^a. Bay.

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(1) This appointment does not appear to have been concurred.—ED.

Solomon Wheeler all^d £150 to purchase corn & grain for the State.

Daniel Moore directed to pay Josiah Batchelder & Josiah Gordon both of Raymond, each, for two months service in the army.

Eben^r Eastman's acc^t all^d. 50*s*.

Simeon Ladd, Prison-keeper allowed for board of prisoners per week, 12*s*.

Moses Emerson, all'd. £2:18:0.

Wednesday, June 25th, 1777.

Voted, That the Armed Ship Portsmouth, John Hart Comander, be permitted to sail on a Cruise against the Enemy, and that the President give a permitt accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 170.] Voted, That this house Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to consider of what place this Court shall adjourn to, to hold their next session, Which Committee being met, The Hon^ble Benjamin Giles, Esq. in the Chair, proceeded to consider of the matter to them refer'd, and after some time spent thereon, the Committee reported that this Court adjourn to Portsmouth, to hold their next Session;—And then the Committee Dissolved, and the Speaker resumed the Chair, and it being put to vote, Whether the said Report shall be received & accepted or not, and it Passed in the Affirmative. [Concurred.]

P. M.

An Act to grant a rehearing to Philip Fowler & Jacob Fowler in an Action of Ejectment commenced by Josiah Hilton against Philip Fowler late of New-Market deceased, which Action is now pending before the King of Great Britain in Privy Council, was read a third time & passed to be enacted.

[P. 171.] Thursday, June 26th, 1777.

Voted, That the Hon^bl Committee of Safety be & hereby are Impowered & directed to Finish and Forward the Continental Accounts, by Gen^l Folsom, as soon as may be, in the recess of the General Court. [Concurred.]

[P. 172.] Voted, that Mr. Simeon Ladd have six bushells of Indian Corn out of the State Magazine in Exeter for his present Necessity for supporting the Prisoners, and that he replace the same Quantity of Corn as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

[P. 173.] Voted, That Enlisting orders be given out to the following Persons in four Classes, viz. The first class Capt. Joseph Parsons, Lieut. Josiah Dearborn, & Mr. Joseph Dow: The Second, Lieut. Joseph Pinkham, Lieut. Robert Pike & Mr. Nathaniel Foss, jun.: The Third Class, Capt. Simon Marston, Lieut. Joseph Soper & Mr. Jeremiah Abbott: The Fourth Class, Capt. Peter Clark, Capt. Daniel Runnells & Lieut. John Mills—to Enlist in each class, seventy two men to be marched to Providence for the Defence of the State of Rhode Island; such officer in each class as shall Enlist Thirty four men, to be a Captain; he that shall Enlist Twenty two men to be a Lieutenant, and he that shall Enlist Sixteen men to be an Ensign, and to be a part of a Regiment of seven hundred & twenty men lately voted to be raised; And that Lieut. Col. Joseph Senter be and hereby is chosen & appointed Lieutenant Colonel of said Regiment to command the said four Companies;—and that each of the aforesaid recruiting officers receive out of the Treasury Twenty five pounds, to pay a bounty of thirty shillings to each soldier he enlists: The remaining bounty of four pounds Ten shillings to be paid each by the Muster-master on their appearing before him, being good effective men well equipped. [Concurred.]

In Council, June 26th, 1777.

The President agreeable to vote of Council & Assembly made out Warrants on the Treasurer for the persons here under named, for the sums set against their respective names, to pay bounties to men they enlist in the service for the defence of the State of R. Island; viz:

Joseph Pinkham,	£25	Robert Pike,	£25
Simon Marston	£25	Joseph Parsons	£25
Joseph Dow	£25	Nathaniel Foss,	£25
Joseph Soper	£25	Jeremiah Abbot,	£25
Peter Clark	£50?	Daniel Reynolds,	£25
John Mills	£25,	Jonathan Leavitt,(1)	£25

[P. 174.] Voted, That Mr. Eleazer Davis be permitted to carry out of this State to Gooldsborough in the State of the Massachusetts Bay, Fifty Bushels of corn now on board a Vessell in Oyster River, and that the President give him a Permitt accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Robert Hill be and hereby is ordered & Impowered to Pursue, Take & Bring before this House one Nathan Chandler of Boscawen, to answer for his offence against this house, and that he summon & bring with him, such persons as he may suspect to be concerned in the said offence;

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(1) This name is in place of Lt. Josiah Dearborn.—Ed.

and for that purpose that Mr. Samuel Trott attend him and signify to him such persons as are most likely to have knowledge of that matter. Pr. order of the house.

The Committee on Grants to the officers of the Civil List made report as on file: viz.

> That the President of the Council have a grant out of the Treasury for thirty pounds for his extra services to the first day of January next:—That the Chief Justice of the Superior Court have a Grant for one hundred pounds for his services to the first day of January next: That each Puisne Judge of the Superior Court have a grant of sixty pounds for their service to the first day of January next: That the Secretary have a grant of Ninety pounds for his service in recording Votes & Acts of the Gen^l Assembly to the first day of January next: That the Treasurer have a grant of Four hundred pounds for his services to the twentieth day of June 1777: That the Attorney General have a grant of forty-five pounds for his service the current year up to the first day of January next—which is humbly submitted.
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> Tim^o. Walker, jun. Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Thereupon Voted, That the President of the Council have & receive out of the Treasury, thirty pounds for his extra services to the first Day of Jan^y next, and that he receive the one half thereof now, and the other half at the end of s^d term. [That [P. 175.] the Treasurer receive £400; That the Attorney General receive £45—the one half to be paid Instantly & the other half at the expiration of said term—all concurred.]

The Committee of both houses to Nominate a Person to be sent to the Continental Agent in Boston to procure cloathing for our troops, & to purchase arms from the Massachusetts State if they can be obtained, &c. made Report, viz:

> That they recommend the Hon^bl Nicholas Gilman Esq^r for the said purposes, and that he be directed to apply to Mr. Lowell or some other able attorney to assist the Attorney General of this State in Prosecuting the Persons in this State suspected of Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this or the Neighboring States—which is submitted by
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> Josiah Bartlett, chairman.

Which Report being read and considered, Voted That the same be and hereby *are* received and accepted. [Concurred.]

An Act to enable the Town of Dover to raise by a Lottery a certain sum of money to defray the Expence of building part of the Bridges in said Town and Keeping them in repair to the present day, with other incidental charges;—was read a third time & passed to be enacted.

The Committee of both houses on the Petition of Joseph Davenport and James Bailey, Reported as their opinion:

That the Petitioners as agents for the Towns of Landaff, &c. be directed to apply to the Committee of Safety of this State for their advice in settling the disputes between the first & second Grantees of said Townships, who are authorized to advise to such measures as in their opinion will be most for the peace & happiness of the parties concerned, and for the interest of the Public, which is submitted by
Josiah Bartlett, chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be receiv'd & accepted. [Concurred.]

[On Report of a Committee] The Hon^ble William Whipple Esq. was nominated a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Rockingham County, and Col. Timothy Walker and Major Samuel Hale as special Justices of said Court,

Voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 176.] Friday, June 27th 1777.

Voted, That the Hon^bl the Committee of Safety of this State have & exercise all the Powers & Authority that Committees of Safety of this State have heretofore had & exercised. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Hon^bl Major General Sullivan have & receive out of the Treasury Forty pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the same be paid to Mr. John Smith, by order of the President. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed forthwith to Issue his Extents against all delinquent Constables, for what outstanding Taxes are yet due to this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. Asa Porter upon his giving security with a good bondsman to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the use of this State for the costs that this State has been at in apprehending & securing him from the first to this day, payable on demand with Interest till paid, and also giving bond according to a former Vote of the General Court, that he be liberated according to said Vote. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[P. 177.] The Committee to Nominate proper persons for Justices of the Peace & all other Civil officers where they are necessary throughout this State, made Report:

That they recommend Nathaniel Peabody to be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham; Jethro San-

born, James Gibson & William Morrill to be Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham; Francis Blood, Nahum Baldwin, Noah Worcester, Francis Eps & John Cochran, jun. to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough; Calvin Frink & Henry Ingalls, be justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; Joshua Weeks to be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham—which is submitted by

Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

which Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. James Hill of Newmarket be and hereby is chosen & appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth regiment of Militia in this State commanded by Col^{o} Nicholas Gilman, and that Capt. Joseph Prescutt be first Major and Doctor Thomas Peabody be second Major of said Regiment.

Nathan Chandler of Boscawen being bro't before this house to answer for an Insult upon this house, and being examined, confessed the fact & begged the pardon of this house: It is therefore ordered, by the House that he recognize to the Speaker of the House in £50, for the use of this State, for his good behaviour for one year next ensuing, and that he be reprimanded by the Speaker. & thereupon be Dismissed,—which was accordingly comply'd with.

[P. 178.] Whereas the Selectmen of several Towns & places in this State have neglected to make return to the Secretary, proper Inventorys of the Polls & Estates of said Towns & places, agreeable to the orders of the General Court for that purpose; and it being necessary that a New Proportion be made as soon as possible: Therefore

Voted, That the Selectmen of such delinquent Towns & places be, and they are hereby directed to return under oath their respective Inventories to the Secretary of this State, by the first day of September next, as the Court will proceed to make the said New Proportion at the beginning of their next Session; and those Towns who shall not by that time return their Inventories, will be doomed at the Discretion of the Court,—And as it appears by the Inventories already returned, That the Selectmen of several Towns have mistaken the orders given for taking the same, Therefore Voted, That the Selectmen who have so mistaken the orders of this Court for making out said Inventories, be and hereby are directed to return New Inventorys agreeable to the former Vote and form Directed to them, by the said first day of September next. [Concurred.]

Saturday, June 28th, 1777.

[P. 179.] Voted, That the Report of the Committee to consider & report upon the propriety of tendering an oath to all male Inhabitants of this State, or any part thereof, be received & accepted, and is as follows:

That at present it is inexpedient to tender any test or Oath to the Inhabitants of this State, as such a measure might Defeat the Endeavours of the Committee of Safety of the State who have been lately authorized to convene before them all persons who in their opinion shall be Enimical to the States of America & to make Enquiry into their conduct & determine thereon as they shall see fit: The Enemies to these States will in our opinion be always ready to take an Oath which we suppose they think themselves under no Obligation to adhere to, while many conscientious persons may suffer persecution.

Geo. King, Chairman.

Exeter June 27th, 1777.

Letter from Noah Emery, jun., Commissary.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 119.]

Mount Independence, June 18th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

Permitt me in this manner to Beg your attention for a few minutes & to consider the Condition of our Troops here, whose food is now reduced to Beef & Bread only; view the sick Languishing & Dieing for want of the Necessaries of life, & the well on constant fatigue fortifying against our Enemies & at all times ready to fight for their country, and I doubt not you will immediately send forward to their relief such necessarys as you in your wisdom have already Provided: & further Pray you in future to send me a constant supply for the soldiers, that there may be no more cause of complaint in our Camp.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obed^{t} humb^{e} Serv^{t},
NOAH EMERY, Jun.

The Committee appointed to consider of the Letter &c. of the Commissary of Stores at Mount Independence, made Report,

That they recommend Samuel Trott for the purpose of getting forward the Stores at Otter Creek &c. And that he have such a sum of Money as your hon^{rs} shall judge necessary,—he accounting for the same, and that some person or persons be appointed to procure necessary stores for our Troops at Ticonderoga in future, and to [P. 180.] send them forward as soon as may be,—all which is humbly submitted.

Sign'd, Matthew Patten, Chairman.

Which Report was read & considered, and thereupon Voted, That Mr. Samuel Trott of Walpole be & hereby is appointed to call for and Transport to Ticonderoga all such Stores belonging to this State, at Otter Creek and other places, and that he for that purpose have & receive out of the Treasury one hundred pounds, to be by him accounted for, and that the President give orders accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Jonathan Leavitt be appointed to Enlist men in the room and stead of Josiah Dearborn who declines accepting. [Concured.]

Voted, That the bounty on Salt manufactured from sea water within this State be three shillings on each bushell instead of the two shillings pr bushell already granted, for the term of one year next coming. [Concurred.]

[Upon Report of a] Committee of both houses to nominate a proper person for Major General of the Militia in this State, during the absence of Maj^r General Folsom;—

Voted, That Col^o William Whipple be appointed to take the Command of the Militia of this State during the absence of General Folsom, (1) & that orders from him shall have the same validity as if Issued by the said General Folsom. [Concurrd.]

[P. 181.] Voted, That Asa Porter be enlarged from the Prison upon his paying his Prison charges, he having given Bond according to the orders of this house. [Concurred.]

Upon reading and considering the Letters rec^d from the Hon^bl Council of Massachusetts Bay concerning an Expedition to the river St. Johns.

Voted, That the officers appointed by that State have leave to Enlist any person in this State, except such as are already in the service, that may Incline to go on said Expedition(2).

Proceedings of the Massachusetts Bay Assembly, relating to an Expedition to St. John's &c.

(Extracts.) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 113.]

State of Massachusetts Bay—

In the House of Representatives. June 18^th, 1777.

"Whereas doubts have arisen whether the Counties of Lincoln & Cumberland in this State can conveniently spare a sufficient number of their Inhabitants to furnish immediately a full Regiment for an Expedition to St. John's River in Nova Scotia; & also Whether Continental pay alone will be sufficient encouragement for expeditiously raising the men, Therefore

Resolved, That the officers appointed, or who shall be appointed to raise men within the Counties of Lincoln & Cumberland for a regiment to be employed in said Expedition, shall also have liberty to inlist any able bodied men who may be found willing, within the County of York, as well as within the said Counties of Lincoln & Cumberland, any resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

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(1) General Folsom was sent as a delegate to the Continental Congress.—ED.

(2) It does not appear that the foregoing vote was concurred by the Council.—ED.

And whereas, The State of New Hampshire will be greatly benefited by the success of the said Expedition;—

Therefore *Resolved*, That a Letter be immediately sent to the State of New Hampshire, signed by the President of the Council, & enclosing Copies of the Resolves relative to said Expedition, desiring their aid therein, by permitting the Inhabitants of that State to Enlist into the aforesaid Regiment, or in such other way as they may judge most proper.

Also Resolved. That there be a Bounty of six Pounds & a Blanket paid unto each non-commissioned officer & private soldier, who shall enlist into the aforesaid Regiment; or into that regiment which may be raised within the Province of Nova Scotia, agreeable to resolves of the seventh Instant," &c.

Accts, votes, petitions, acts &c. passed on in the House and concurred by the Council from the 25th to 28th June, 1777. *See Rec. of Council.*

Acct of Samuel Tripe, allowed, £2: 1: 8.

Philip & Jacob Fowler's Act, passed.

Committee of Safety to send forward the Continental accounts.

Capt. Wm. Walker's pay-roll alld £121: 6: 8.

Bounty on manufacture of Salt petre in the State, awarded to John Calfe, jun. £32: 16: 8. in full.

Acct of Doct. John Crane referred to Comtee of Safety.

Robert Hill allowed £2: 11: 0, for taking Nathan Chandler.

Act to punish counterfeiters &c. passed.

Isaac Williams acct allowed £2: 4: 0.

Capt. Saml Wallingford's roll alld £93: 16: 0.

Chief Justice allowed for his services, £50.

Other Justices of Supr Court, alld £30, each.

The Secretary, alld £30.

Acct of Noah Emery, Esq. allowed £26: 10: 8.

Committee of Safety to be paid 7*s* per day, in the recess.

Amherst Supr Court, allowed to be adjourned by Proclamation.

Members of Council & House of Representatives to be paid for travel & attendance, as usual.

James Rundlett, allowed as door-keeper £4: 8: 0.

Noah Emery, Esq. clerk, alld 12*s* pr day for services.

John Smith, Assist clerk, 3*s* pr day, over his pay as a member.

Hon. Ebenezer Thompson, Secretary, 6*s* pr day, over his pay as a member.

Wyseman Clagett, Esq. as Attorney General, alld £22: 10: 0.

Mr. Joseph Whipple's acct alld £5: 11: 4.

This House adjourned to the Third Wednesday in September next, then to meet at the State House in Portsmouth, at three O'clock, P. M.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE &C. RELATING TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS BETWEEN THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 28th, AND THEIR MEETING, IN SPECIAL SESSION 17th OF JULY, 1777.

Letter from General Schuyler relating to the advance of the British Troops on Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 151.]

Albany, June 28th, 1777.

SIR—I have just received two letters from Genl St Clair dated Ticonderoga of the 25th & 26th Instant. He advises me that the Enemy's Fleet and Army are arrived at Crown Point, that they have sent strong Detachments, one to cut off Fort George and the other either to surprise Skeenesborough or throw themselves on the Communication between that and Ticonderoga. Our Garrison at Ticonderoga is greatly inadequate to the Defence of the expensive works on both sides of the Lake, and I have unhappily no Troops to reinforce them. The Militia of this State are called upon; but I cannot expect that they will be numerous,—as those of the Western part of the State are ordered to be ready to march at a Moments warning to oppose Sir John Johnson, who is expected to make an Irruption on the Mohawk River.

I have written to the Committee of Berkshire and requested them to call upon the adjacent Counties & Districts in that State & Connecticut. Should the Militia turn out with spirit, I am in hopes we shall be able to baffle the Enemy. I have requested the Militia to rendezvous at Fort Edward or Fort Ann as may be most convenient.

I entreat your Honor to write to the President of New Hampshire, requesting that he will be so good as to forward on the Militia of that State & to advise me by Express at which place they will rendezvous.

I am, Sir, respectfully
Your most Obedient, humbl servant,
PH: SCHUYLER.

(Copy)
Honbl. President of the late
Massachusetts Bay.

Certificate of Jn^o O'Neil.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 153.]

This may Certify that about the latter end of Oct^o last the now Capt. Daniel Livermore of Col. Scilley's Regiment shewed me two Letters which he received at Mount Independence, from Doct. Gow & Capt. Christy of New Boston, the Contents of which was treasonable and disrespectful against the American Army, as may appear by reference to said Capt. Livermore for said Letters.

Jn^o O'Neil.

Given at the request of Robert Smith
in Londonderry—To whom it may Concern.
Londonderry 30 June, 1777.

Application of Committee in Epping for Salt.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 163.]

To Mr. Daniel Gilman of Exeter.

Sir—Whereas you have a quantity of Salt stored in Eppin and is an article very much wanted, the People in Eppin is willing to Pay you well for the same; and complaint being made to the Committee of said Eppin, that you are designed to carry the salt back to Exeter; and as the salt is Now at Eppin, the People is willing to pay part Corn and the other part money for all you have in this place, and in consideration thereof we desire you, Sir, will not carry said salt out of Eppin without the knowledge of the Committee.

Boyles
Daniel Bayley?
Oliver Morrill
David Lawrence, jr
Abraham Perkins
} Committeee of Eppin.

Eppin, July y^e 2^d 1777.

N. B. It is not the design of the Committee to Damnifie you, but the Salt is much wanted. Please to consult the committee before you carry the salt away.

Letter from Keene, asking for help for Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 167.]

Keene, July y^e 3^d 1777.

Sir—There is an Express come to Town from Ticonderoga this morning, that they are in distress for want of men—the Enemy having made their appearance there—(my Comp^y being dismiss'd yesterday) I have not more than about Twenty Men & if you think Proper to send more men from Rindge I should be glad if you would send them on as fast as Possible & likewise bring Provision with them; there being no Provision to be had at Charlestown.

I will march with what men I have.

I remain your Hh^bl Serv^t
Salmon Stone, Capt.

N. B. The men that are agoing to March from Rindge are the following, viz.

Salmon Stone, Capt.
Lt. Thomas
Ens^n Tarbal
Qr. Mas^r Fitch
Serj. Jewett
Nath^l Ingalls
Lem^l Page
Henry Lake
Enos Lake
Simon Davis
Sam^{ll} Russell
Caleb Ingalls
Jon^a Sartwell
Jno. Deming jun
Eben^r Newman
Sam^l Walker
Joseph Platt, jun
Hez^a Hobart,
Reuben Russell
David Robbins
Paul Fitch
Sam^{ll} Sherwin.

To Col. Enoch Hale
in Rindge

State of Vermont.

In General Convention, Windsor 3^d July, 1777.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 169.]

GENTLEMEN—"This House enclose to you a Copy of a Letter just rec^d from Col^o Warner, by which your Honors will learn the situation of the Army in the Northern Department, at that time. You will observe by that, that we have no knowledge that any Express has been sent you.

"The Militia from this State, are principally with the officer commanding the Continental army at Ticonderoga, the remainder on their march for the relief of that distressed post."

Your most obed^t Hm^l Serv^t
JOSEPH BOWKER, Presid^t.

Hon Gen^l Assembly in Council
at Exeter, New Hampshire.

Letter from Col. Seth Warner, relative to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 193.]

(Copy.) Rutland, the 2^d of July, 1777.

To the Honourable Convention now sitting at Windsor in the State of Vermont.

GENTLEMEN—I have last evening receiv'd an Express from the General Commanding at Ticonderoga, who informs me the Enemy have come on with seventeen or Eighteen Gun Boats, two large Ships, several Sloops and other Craft, and lie at the three Mile Point: And the General expects an Attack every hour. The enemy have put to land on s^d Point, and they have had a skirmish, but the General informs me to no great purpose; orders me to send for the Militia to join him as soon as possibly they can get there from this State, and the Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I have sent an Express to Col^o Simons,—went off last Night—Col^o Robinson and Col^o Williams is now at Hubbardton, waiting to be join'd by Col^o Bellows who is now with me. When the whole join they will make in N^o about 7 or 800 men. I know not where to apply but to you to raise the Militia on the East side of the Mountain; shall expect that you send on all the Men that can possibly be rais'd, and that you will do what lies in your Power to supply the Troops at Ticonderoga with Beef; as, if the seige should be long, they will absolutely be in want of meat kind, except the country exert themselves: If 40 or 50 head of Cattle could be brought on with the

Militia they will be paid for by the Commissary on their arrival. The Safety of that Post consists much on the exertions of the Country; them Lines are so much in want of Men, I should be glad that a few hills of corn unhoed should not be a motive sufficient to detain men at home,—considering the loss of such an important Post can hardly be recovered.

I am, Gentlemen, in the greatest respect,
Your most obedient and very humbl servt
SETH WARNER.

P. S. I am this moment a going to mount my horse in company with Colo Bellows for Ticonderoga. I left Colo Robinson at Hubbardston this morning.

That you may have Wisdom to conduct in the Business for which you are called together is the Prayer of S. W.

Letter from Hon. Meshech Weare, relating to the Salt at Epping.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 173.]

State of New Hampshire, July 4th, 1777.
To the Committee of Epping:

GENTLEMEN—Daniel Gilman of Exeter has represented that he removed a Quantity of Salt from said Exeter some time past, to Epping for safe keeping; that since, he has promised the same to sundry persons in Deerfield, Epsom, Pembrook & Gilmantown, and is in expectation of Teams to transport said Salt in a few days to those places; and that the Committee of said Epping had forbid his removing it without their leave. As the Parish of Epping is so near salt Water and market Towns, it appears of much greater necessity that the above places should be supply'd in preference to them, especially as they purchased the salt of the owner some time past.

Therefore I am directed by the Committee of Safety to acquaint you, it is their opinion that you ought not to hinder the carrying of said salt to the places who have purchased it.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

Letter from Col. Joseph Badger & Col. Ebenr. Smith relating to Ticonderoga.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 175.]

Gilmantown, July ye 5th, 1777.

SR—I have recd no orders to march any man which I think strange, if wanted; but as the matter of saving Ticonderoga is of so much Importance if you can send a Company of men Imediately under proper officers or as many as you can, I should advise so to do, and to march until you can find whether they are wanted or not. I should be glad you'd go yourself if you can.

I am Sir, your Humbl Servt
JOSEPH BADGER.

To Col. Smith.

P. S. If I should receive any orders, I shall Imediately let you know.

Letter from Col. Eben^r Smith, to the Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 175.]

HON^rd SIRS—I Rec^d the above advise in the evening and the next morning sent my answer to Col^o Badger that I should endeavour to comply with his advise and Imediately advised the Captains in part of the Reg^t where I live to rais what men they could for one month if wanted, with a proportion thereof officers to the men so raised; and Sandbornton raised sixteen, Meredith fifteen, Moultonboro ten, who all joyn'd me at Unity, and there met Col^o Gerish, Maj^r Batchelder within seven miles of Knots Ferry, who inform'd that Tic(1) was lost, and the Militia officers had held a Council of advise and had advised that it was best for the militia to return home and wait the orders of your Hon^rs. But I seeing confusion & distress of the Inhabitants and the defenceless state of the Inhabitants and the need there was to take some care of the same above the River, I advised Col^o Gerrish and Maj^r Batchelder to stop what men they could and joyn me and tarry until we could have advise from you or the Gen^l, and I ordered my men to stand fast, and Returned eight miles in order to trye to persuade Col^o Gerrish's men back again, but to no purpose. There's nothing but confusion here—some saying one thing, some another—the men coming in with varios Reports from Tic—Some Continental & some Militia: this being the case supose the Rear of Col^o Badger men have Return'd and I am on my Return with my men; But I hope the great Loss we have met with will not discurage in the least from using the best endeavours in our own defence that you in your great wisdom can advise, and that speedily.

I am, Sir, your Hon^rs most obediant Humb^l Sarv^t.

EBENEZER SMITH.

Unity, July y^e 11^th, 1777.
To the Hon^bl Committee of Safety at Exeter.

Letter from General St. Clair. Ticonderoga & Mount Independence evacuated.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 177.]

Col^o Mead's at Otter Creek, July 7^th, 1777.

SIR—I was honoured with your favour of the 2^d Inst. this day. The exertions of the Convention to reinforce us at Ticonderoga merit my warmest thanks, tho' they have been too late to Answer the good purpose they intended. Finding that the Enemy were ready for the attack, and that it was morally impossible we could maintain the Post with our handful of Troops, & at the same time considering how necessary to the States it was to preserve our Army small as it is, it was determined in a Council of the General officers that the Posts on Ticonderoga & Mount Independence should be evacuated & a retreat attempted to Skeenesborough by the way of Castleton, & that every thing we could remove, with the sick, should be sent by water to the same place covered by the armed vessels. This was accordingly attempted the night of the sixth, and in part executed; tho' not as perfectly as I could have wished with respect to the Stores, owing to the Confusion that naturally attends operations in the night & to the want of that regularity that nothing but discipline & experience can give Troops; & just at break of day the army got on their march unperceived by the Enemy, altho' they were all around us; & should have effected it perfectly had it not been for the burning of a house, whether from accident or want of thought I cannot say, but it served to inform the Enemy of our retreat, & a party of them were on the Mount before the whole of our people had got off of it. They did not attempt however to pursue us, but only fired a few shot from the Heights which did us no damage. We pursued our Route to Castleton, which we reached last night with the main body, having met on our way a party of the Enemy who had been collecting Cattle in the Country. These were immediately dispersed & a few Prisoners taken. Colonel Warner with about a thousand men stopped six miles short of Castleton, where he was attacked this morning: the Event I cannot as yet ascertain—the accounts are so various from the Persons who have come in; but I believe it has been pretty severe on both sides. I am now on my march to Bennington, which place I am obliged to make on account of provisions. The Enemy having last night possessed themselves of Skeenesborough, of which I got intelligence this morning, which determin'd me to take the Road for that place & there I beg that the Reinforcements coming on by No. 4, may be sent, as I shall immediately march from thence for the North River, and endeavour to throw myself betwixt the Enemy & the Inhabitants, & prevent Mr. Burgoyne from penetrating in to the Country.

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(1) Ticonderoga?

I am, Sir, your very Humble serv^{t},

A^{r} S^{t}CLAIR.

I must beg that all the Flour that can be got may be sent forward.

I have wrote to the first commanding officer of the Militia to take the shortest Road to Bennington with directions to send the same orders to such others as may be already on this side No. 4. (Copy)

Hon. Joseph Bowker, President of the Convention of the State of Vermont.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 179.]

Castletown, July 6, 1777.

COL^{O} MEAD—We had news last night from Skeensborough that the Enemy had possession of Mount Hope & had burnt the Mills, & they crowd hard on the lines; have killed & wounded Numbers—how many we know not—they fight night & day. Pray, Sir, Do send to No. 4 & hasten on the Millitia as fast as possible. We have a Number of men lies here for want of more help to go thro' the woods. From yours—

JOHN HALL, Capt.

To Col^{o} Ashley & Col^{o} Hale—

SIRS—We beg that you would hasten on with the people as fast as possible. Yrs, JAMES MEEDS, Col^{o}.

Rutland, July 7, 1777.

The Express asserts that the Enemy killed four men yesterday morning—The above is a true copy. Pr. EPH^{m} BALDWIN, Just. Peace.

Monday, July 7, 1777.

Letter from General Washington, relating to the movements of General Howe.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 181.]

Morris Town, July 7th 1777.

SIR—I make no doubt but you will have heard before this that the Enemy have evacuated Jersey. This Information I should have done myself the pleasure of transmitting you by the first opportunity after the event, had not my attention been employ'd in making a new disposition of the Army: and had I apprehended it materially interesting that it should come immediately from myself.

When General Howe withdrew his forces from this State and went to Staten Island, from the Intelligence rec'd at that time from Genl St. Clair at Ticonderoga, that the Canada Army was on the Lake & approaching that Port, & from every other circumstance, it appear'd extremely probable, nay almost certain to me & to all the General & other officers possess'd of the Facts, that Genl Howe's first and immediate movement would be up the North River, & that the two armies meant to co-operate & favor each others attack. This I say was my opinion, & that of my officers at that time from a full consideration of the Intelligence we then had; but I confess however satisfied I then was upon this subject, I am now in extreme doubt respecting his intended operations. Having heard nothing from Ticonderoga since 26th ulto nor any further accounts of the Enemy's approach, we are left to conjecture, whether their appearance on the Lake was with a view to a serious & real attack, or whether to amuse & draw our attention that way, whilst a Stroke is meditating against some other place. This uncertainty is render'd considerably greater by the concurrent accounts of deserters who have escaped from New York & Staten Island in the course of a few days past. From their information & a variety of circumstances, such as that Births are fitting up for the Light Horse on board the Transports, Provender taken in, & providing for three or four weeks —the Embarkation of the officers Baggage with their names & Corps Indorsed, the ships watering &c.—it would seem more probable that General Howe has in contemplation some other object than the North River. Whether he has, or what it is, however, is yet entirely unknown. I have thought it my duty however to give you this Information, that if he should once more turn his arms against the Eastern States, you may not be surprised & that matters may be put in the best train circumstances will admit, to receive him. On my part, no exertions in my power shall be wanting to counteract his plans wheresoever they are directed, & to render every service compatible with our general line of Defence & the Interest of the States at large.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest
respect, Sir, yr most obedt servant
Go: WASHINGTON,

The Honbl Convention
or Council of Safety of
New Hampshire.

Letter from the Committee of Portsmouth, relating to the Ship Raleigh, to Capt. John Roach, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 183.]

In Committee of Safety, Portsm° July 7th, 1777.

GENTMn—

It is no little concern to us, that the Raleigh, a Continental Ship, is to this day unman'd, occasioned by private arm'd vessells being man'd in this port & persons from other States coming here to carry away our men;—these things have been and are unhappy circumstances attending this matter, and has occasioned Capt. Thompson this day to make application to us to represent this matter to you;—the latter of these cases now complained of, is by Capt. Nathl Odiorne's carrying men into another State, and notwithstanding his promise to us to decline engaging any more here, has since engaged a considerable number. We could wish some happy measure could be fallen upon to accomplish so desirable an end, as the manning this Ship. We have also to recommend to your notice Capt. Roach,(1) who was some time since commissioned by this State, as a Flag of Truce, to carry Mrs. Levius to Hallifax. We do not know of his having delivered up his Commission: his conduct in this respect has given cause of suspicion, and upon that his vessell has been detained by the Raleigh, with the said Capt. Roach, till we could inform you thereof. We have no matter to give you in evidence against him;—his ignorant or wilfull neglect of Duty & respect to the State, we presume render him a subject of your notice. The publick Welfare & due honor to authority, will always demand our attention.

In behalf of the Committee of Safety of this town,
I am, Gentlemen, your most hhbl servt
H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

To the Honbl The Committee of Safety
for the State of New Hampshire.

Letter to Governor Trumbull of Connecticut, relating to the evacuation of Ticonderoga, &c.

(Copy) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 185.]

HONd SIR—Ticonderoga & Mount Independence are in possession of our Enemies; At a Council of War it was determined to evacuate those Posts. This Resolution was effected last Friday with such precipitancy and hurry that almost all the Provision, ammunition, Cannon, & Baggage was left behind—a few men with such articles as could be thrown into the small number of boats they had & come by the way of Skeensborough and are now at Fort Ann. The main body of the garrison are gone off by way of Castleton fetching a Circuit thro' the country to Skeensborough; these we have not heard from since their leaving the Posts. Our misfortune is heightened by the loss at Skeensborough. The pursuit of the Enemy was so rapid that our little party by water was overtaken at that place with the same hurry & confusion in which they set off. They abandoned the vessells and Boats with everything on board them; those, the Enemy have possessed themselves of,—among which, I am told was one vessell loaded with Powder.

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(1) See notice of Capt. John Roach in Bouton's Hist. of Concord, p. 351.—ED.

These are the principal circumstances I am possessed of. I dare not make any observations. I have given you facts which I submit to your own Reflections. I will only say that I must be possessed of some very material circumstances in addition to what I now know, before I can conceive the necessity, a Garrison well filled with Provision, ammunition, military stores, above an hundred Cannon &c. &c. & between three & four thousand men, should be under, of abandoning their Post at the appearance only of not more than twice their number. I say the appearance only,—because I don't yet learn that a Gun had been fired save by scouting parties &c. But Heaven has thus decreed! It must be so!

This misfortune will I fear be the most important in its consequences of any thing that Providence has yet cast into our lot; at one blow it lays open all New England to the incursions of the Enemy, who are prepared with their savages; as well as exposes this whole State now possessed at each extremity by the foe. The horrid work of murder is also begun at the western Posts.

Yesterday brought us also an acco^t of a second scalping match at Fort Stanwix alias Schuyler. General Schuyler with the little handfull of fugitives from Ty — — and the small Body of Militia already collected is forming his stand at Fort Ann, where they are in want of every thing that can be conceived necessary for the subsistance of an army. Without speedy & effective support they will not be able to maintain themselves there, & if running comes in vogue I know not where they may stop; if New England is not roused now, they must be seized with a fatal Lethargy which must perhaps end in their destruction.

While I am writing Gen. Nixon's Brigade from below are coming into Town. This is some relief. I don't know that any more Troops are yet under orders from General Washington. Expresses are gone to every Quarter. The kind interposition of Providence is my support; as little reason as we have from our crying sins to hope for this mercy, yet I don't give up this hope.

Gen^l Gates' opinion of the Enemy's operations this Campaign is, I think, verifying fast. We constantly expect to hear an attempt below. The old gentleman told me little before he left us, That the Enemy from the Northward would not be down till July; that Gen^l Hows army below if not lost to every idea of their most important interest, or some unforeseen accident did not intervene, would certainly co-operate with motions above, and spoke with some uneasiness of y^e inattention paid by Superior Powers to his opinion; But Misfortunes sometimes teaches us our mistakes at great expence.

I wish we had a channel of Correspondence from this to Connecticut. This must go by an uncertain conveyance. My best regards attend all Friends & connections.

I am with greatest affection your most Dutifull

J. TRUMBULL, Jr.

Gov. Trumbull.

NOTE. The foregoing letter is followed by one to Gov. Trumbull from Col. Moses Robinson, dated Bennington, 8th July, 1777, which contains no additional information.—ED.

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Letter from Officers at Bennington—sent by Express to commanding officers of Militia &c.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 191.]

Bennington, July 8th, 1777.

" On Monday about 8 o'clock in the morning a large body of the Enemy came up with the rear of our army, when ensued a smart engagement. A very heavy fire was kept up for about half an hour when our Rear was obliged to retreat: The [British] army is advancing into the Country, killing & Robbing the Inhabitants & driving off their Cattle to their own use; our whole army is in a very broken situation; being divided, some part is gone to Fort Ann, the other part is now on or near Hampshire Grants; it is proposed to make a stand at *Pottet* about forty miles north of this place; unless the Enemy be soon stop'd & repuls'd the whole Country will fall into their hands, which will prove the ruin of the whole Country, as we have large stores deposited in this place which we shall of necessity be obliged to leave to the Enemy & retreat down into the New England States, which will soon reduce the country to *Cleanness of Teath:* We therefore earnestly request of all Friends to their country immediately to march to the Assistance of the Inhabitants of the Northern Department without the least delay.

" Just recd by Express from Head Quarters at Pottet requesting the Militia to March to their assistance with all possible speed—with ten or twelve days provisions & as many Kettles for cooking as possible; also to bring a number of axes, spades and other intrenching Tools as you shall think proper."

We are Gentn your friends & servants

Moses Robinson, Col.
John Fay, Chairman
Nathl Brush, Lt. Col.
Joseph Farnsworth, Dy. Comy.
Elijah Dewy, Capt.

To the Commandg officers of Militia & Committees of Safety in the States of Massachusetts Bay & Connecticut.

N. B. All Comtees of Safety are desired to furnish the bearer with fresh horses.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 195.]

A Letter from General Artemas Ward, dated July 11th 1777, saying "That on the 2d Inst. we ordered the Militia of the Counties of Hampshire & Berkshire to the reinforcement of Ticonderoga," &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 203.]

Letter from Officers of the Eleventh & Twelfth New Hampshire Regiments to the Committee of Safety.

Gentlemen—We are alarmed at the late sudden & unexpected Retreat of our Army from the Lake: And we look upon it that our Frontier Towns are really in a dangerous & critical situation. We are intirely laid open to the sudden attack of our British & Savage enemy & the more infernal race of Enemy amongst ourselves, who are secretly & unweariedly plotting our Destruction, as by a letter inclosed you may be more satisfactorily informed. (Said Letter was picked up in the Street at Claremont a few days since.) And many other recent circumstances corroborating the same. Our men have been so drained off by the late Recruits, that we are not in any tolerable posture of Defence. Neither have we Fire-Arms or Ammunition to supply what men we have left. If we should be attacked in our present situation, it is impossible for us to stand our ground. A Retreat would be inevitable, which would be productive of consequences, not only destructive to ourselves but pernicious to the Public.

We would therefore humbly suggest whether it would not be necessary to have a magazine of Fire-arms & ammunition, more especially of ammunition fixed in some part of this County, where it might be safely deposited perhaps Plymouth might be as suitable as any place.

However, we would submit all to your serious Consideration, to grant us such aid & assistance as you shall judge most expedient for our own & the public safety.

We are Gen^{t} with much respect your most humble servants

David Hobart David Webster Alexander Craig	Officers of the Elevth Regt.	Israel Morey Charles Johnston Jon^{a} Child Jon^{a} Hale,	Officers of the Twelfth Regiment

Orford, July 10th 1777.

Orders to Thomas Gilman, Captain of the Guard at the Goal at Exeter.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 207.]

State of New Hampshire.

Exeter, July 12, 1777.

Mr. Tho^{s} Gilman—Sir, You being appointed to superintend the Guard sett at the Goal in this town to prevent any Rescue or Escape of any Prisoners there: Therefore you are hereby Ordered to keep eight men by night and four men by Day constantly with arms & ammunition to be regularly relieved at six o'clock morning and evening, and the Guard stationed at the Doors and such other convenient places as is necessary for the safe keeping of the Prisoners there; and you are not to suffer any person to Enter the Prison house by night without first enquiring his, her, or their Business, (Except they belong to the family that dwells there) and if they do not give a satisfactory answer, you are to prevent their going into said house without leave of y^{e} gailor; and to suffer no person to speak to any of the Prisoners, at any time, without leave from the Prisoners Prison-keeper; and if any of the Prisoners or any person for them should attempt an Escape of any prisoner by Day you are to alarm the neighborhood, and if by night any such attempt shou'd be made, you are to discharge your peice at him or them, and take every other method to prevent the same.

Letter from Maj. Stephen Peabody, relating to the battle at Castleton.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 209.]

May it Please your HONORS—

Having returned from Otter Creek with the Company of militia under my command, I therefore beg leave to lay before your Hon^rs the true state of affairs relative to the battle at Castleton, the army, and our Militia who turned out to reinforce our army, as near as I could collect them. The Enemy overtook the rear of our Army at Castleton; a bloody Battle ensued with the loss of a considerable large number of men on our side,—the number unknown—Colonel Hale & Col^o Cilley's Regiments from this State have suffered much. Col^o Hale, Capt^s Norris, Morril & House, and many more officers are among the slain; Major Titcomb and a number of other officers wounded.

The army are retreated to Bennington, where a stand is to be made. The Militia from this State who went forward to Ticonderoga are all returned to No. 4, where we met many more of our friends, the militia; our officers of the militia (after seeing the copy of the Gen^l's Express to forward the militia to Bennington) met in a body to consult what they would do with respect to going to Bennington, there to joyn the army and make a stand against the enemy;—but finally concluded to return home and wait orders from our Court; True it is, there is not one Company of Militia from this State now gone forward to joyn the Continental army. Colonel Bellows was returned home on account of his father's Indisposition, that he nor any of his officers were in the consultation.

Gentlemen, I am, with respect, your humble serv^t,

STEPHEN PEABODY.

Amherst, July 13^th.

Letter from Col. Benjamin Bellows, to the Committee of Safety, relating to the Same affair.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 211.]

Walpole, July 13^th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—You no doubt have heard of the disaster we have met with at the westward; so shall not undertake to give you the Particulars, but to sum it up in short; we have lost all our Stores and Baggage, with some of our men, the number I am not able to ascertain. I shall represent to you something of the distress'd situation of our Frontiers, Especially of persons who are easily intimidated, as well as women & children,—and it is my humble opinion if some resolutions are not adopted and speedily and vigorously carried into Execution the People's hearts will fail and conclude it is a gone case; and this part of the country I fear will be deserted and left without any body to receive Hay or Grain &c. I submit to Superior Wisdom as to the best manner to prevent those evils we dread, and hope the most strenuous efforts will be made by Government at this most critical time; and as the Inhabitants on the other side of the River in New York state would try to keep their ground, if they could in some measure be supported, if we could lend them any assistance it would answer as good a Purpose as tho' done to ourselves, as there must be a Frontier: the People on Otter Creek have many of them moved off already. Should think it best to keep out the Frontier in New York state if possible. By the best information I can get there is not short of six or seven hundred men above this place on York side of the River that are destitute of firearms; if there could be any way found out to supply them it would answer a good purpose. I must further inform you that when we retreated from Ticonderoga that many of the Continental Troops instead of following the army steared for their Homes.

I am, Gentleman, your very humbl Servt,

BENJa. BELLOWS.

To the Honbl Comtee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. pp. 213-216.]

A Letter from Hon. John Hancock, inclosing a Resolve of the Continental Congress, July 12th, 1777, strongly recommending "The Eastern States to send such re-inforcements of Militia for the army under Genl Washington, or Genl Schuyler....shall from time to time be requested."

Letter from Col. Timothy Walker, relating to persons returning from the army without a Pass.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 217.]

Concord, July 14th, 1777.

SIR—Since the evacuation of our Fourt at Tyconderoga, there has been a number of Continental Soldiers passed through this Town to their respective Homes. Col. Hutchins this day took up five persons and bro't them before me, who had no pass from their officers. The men appear willing to return to Camp; and I desired Colo Hutchins to apply to the Committee of Safety for their direction in said affair. I believe, if proper places were appointed for rendezvous in different parts of this State a considerable number of soldiers might be collected to reinforce our army.

I remain, with respect, your most obedt & very Humbl servt,

TIMo WALKER.

The Honbl Meshech Weare.

Letter from Col. Enoch Hale, relating to the Goal at Charlestown, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 219.]

Keene, June ye 14th 1777.

Honbl MESHECH WEARE—

Worthy Sir—I take this opportunity to inform the Honourable Committee of Safety, that I have not been fully able to obey their orders with regard to the Prisoners at Charlestown, although I used the utmost of my Endeavors. The grate surprise the People had at Charlestown respecting the News from Ticonderogo made it impossible for me at that time to procure a suitable person for a Goal keeper, and the Goal holly deficient and not fit to hold any person without a gard, and the gard being dismist, under these circumstances I ventured to take Bonds with two Suretys in five hundred Pounds each for their abiding the limits of the Goal, excepting Abner Sanger which being very poor and of a lo make could not possably obtain Suretys, in which case by advice Colonel Hunt of Charlestown took him under his care on his own farm, Sanger promising obedience, for all which I pray for your Honor's most favourable approbation.

Gentlemen, I would just mention that Simeon Baxter & ——— Butler slipt the Gard the evening of the Eleventh instant, being the day the Justices arrived there before there was opportunity to settle matters agreeable to your orders.

With submission I would further add, with respect to our affairs at the Westward, I have been informed of a requisition to your Honors for a Number of Troops more to be raised. If so I beg leave to mention that the Militia in my regiment and others above, have been much fatigued by the alarms, and with grate Bravery turned out to the amount of one-half that was able for duty, within two months; and at the same time the Militia in the Massachusetts State in towns adjoining to us rested quiet in their fields, which our men are unwilling to believe is equal, although they remain firm in the cause and dont think the loss of a little spot of ground is to determin the fate of America.

I am, Gentlemen, your Hon^{rs} most obedt
Hum^{bl} serv^{t}
ENOCH HALE.

Superscribed—"To the Hon. Meshech Weare
Chairman of the Honorable Committee of
Safety at Exeter, New Hampshire."

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 221.]

Letter from the Com. of Safety, N. H., July 14, 1777, to the Council of the Mass^{a} Bay, asking advise as to "spirited measures which should immediately be taken" in reference to the advance of the British army, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 223.]

Letter from Lt. Col. Elisha Payne, dated Lebanon, July 10, 1777, to Major General Folsom at Exeter, requesting a supply of "two hundred stands of arms," &c., for the use of his Regiment, to be delivered to Capt. Aaron Storrs.

Private Letter from (the late) Gov. John Wentworth to his father, in Portsmouth, relating to the children of his sister, Mrs. Fisher.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 225.]

(Copy.) Flatbush, near New York, 15th July, 1777.

DEAR SIR.—I herewith inclose you copy of a letter lately received from Mr. Fisher, and earnestly recommend my dear sister Fisher exactly to accede thereto, as it is of great importance to the education of their two sons, more especially. I cannot suppose there can objection or opposition be made to their children being sent thro' the Country; I therefore suggest that they should be sent to Providence by some sober, careful discreet man; from thence they may easily pass by a Flagg of Truce to Newport, where Mr. McDonough will be to take charge of and bring them safe to me, or in case of my absence to Mr. Brinley at New York, who Mr. Fisher desired and has promised me his best attentions. It will be prudent before they are sent, to secure their reception at and passport from Providence, of which, and the time they may be expected, I wish to be previously notified, by the first & most public conveyance. My sister and our respected Parents may rest fully satisfied that I will take effectual care for their ample accommodation and safe passage to England, and will send a discreet person with them, unless the person pointed out by Mr. Fisher, or some other prefer'd by you, is permitted to attend them. If you find it more convenient, and shall send them to the lines at Kings-bridge near New York, proper means will be there ready for them.

Mr. Fisher was in perfect health 5th May, also Mr. D. Rindge. Mr. Parry gave me great pleasure in assuring me you were all well 22d May. I most sincerely wish you every good and that you may be assured I am with the most respectful and affectionate gratitude & attachment, my dear Sir,

Your dutiful Son,

Jo Wentworth.

Mrs. Wentworth and our son were well 5th May. Capt. Bellows is in good health; he wishes it may be known to his wife, and that her son Mark is perfectly well. He is a promising fine youth indeed. The Gentlemen with me are all well.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fisher to Gov. John Wentworth, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 223.]

(Extract.) London, April 2d 1777.

"I have determined on getting my two boys hither if possible as early as can be effected. My Brothers earnestness to have them here and my own intolerable anxiety on account of their education, has made me resolve at all events on this measure.

But as it is impossible for me here to foresee the difficulties which may arise, or to direct Mrs. Fisher in what manner or in what place it will be most eligible to send them, I must rely on you, if in your power, to point it out to her, and at the same time to take all the necessary steps for procuring them a passage in a safe ship with a careful master.

It would be proper a trusty person should be sent with them, and wish my old faithful servant Michael Field, if he can be prevailed on, to come. I should imagine by way of Rhode Island would be most eligible both in respect to distance & conveniency. Perhaps Mrs. Fisher may, if circumstances appear favourable, wish to send also my dear Girl Betsey; if she does, care must be taken, as she has never had the small-pox,—indeed that may be an objection to running the risque. I shall wish to hear from you as soon after you receive this as you can, and you will be so good as to remember to consign the Boys to Mr. Mayne's care, and to direct the Master to acquaint him the moment of his arrival in England; for I would by no means have them go to Ireland."

Signed, J. Fisher.

SPECIAL SESSION.

[P. 184.] *In the House of Representatives, July 17th, 1777.*

The house met according to a special summons from the Honbl Committee of Safety, & after calling over Proceeded to business &

Voted, That this House Resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Honbl board to confer together upon the business most necessary to be imediately proceeded upon, at this Special Session of the General Assembly. Sent up by J. Wentworth. Esq. [Concurred.]

P. M.

The Comtee of both Houses being met according to the vote of the forenoon, The Hon. Meshech Weare Esq. in the Chair, proceeded to conferr upon the business now most Necessary to be done at this Present session, and after some time spent thereon, the Committee agreed to Report:

That it is expedient that a Committee be appointed by this State to meet Committees from the States of the Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticutt & New York, at the Town of Springfield in the County of Hampshire, on the 30th day of July Instant then & there to hold a conference respecting the State of the Paper Currency of the sd Governments, of the expediency of calling in the same by Taxes or otherwise, of the most Effectual, Expeditious & Equal method of doing it; and to Consult upon the best means for preventing the Depreciation & counterfeiting of the same, and also to consider what is proper to be done with respect to the Acts lately made to Prevent monopoly & oppression; and to confer upon the late Acts for preventing the Transportation by land of certain articles from one State to another, and to consider such other matters as particularly concern the imediaate welfare of said States, and are not repugnant to or interfering with the Powers & authorities of the Continental Congress, and to report the result of their Conference to the General Court of this state as soon as may be. The Committee also Report: That it is expedient that the Committee of Safety of this State order such quantities of Powder and other warlike Stores to such places in the western parts of this State as they shall judge most proper for the benefit of the Inhabitants, and to be deposited in such places & to be distributed in such manner as the said Committee of Safety shall order.

And the Com^tee^ not having finished their Conference desired to have leave to meet again to morrow morning.

[P. 185.] Then the Committee Departed and the speaker pro tempore, resumed the Chair and proceeded to business, and

Voted, To chuse a Committee of Nine of this House to join a Com^tee^ of the Hon^bl^ Board to Nominate Proper Persons to this House for a Committee to go to Springfield in the County of Hampshire to meet Committees from the States of the Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, & New York on the 30th Inst. for the purposes mentioned in the Report of the Committee of the whole house & Council of this day; and that Jn°. Dudley Esq. Col. Peabody, Sam^l^ Gilman, Esq. J. Wentworth Esq. James Gibson Esq. Col. Evens, Col. Webster, Simeon Dearborn Esq. Jon^a^ Lovewell Esq. be the Committee of this house for that purpose. (1) Adjourned to 8 o'clock to morrow morning.

Friday, July 18th, 1777.

The Committee of the whole Council & house again met according to the order of yesterday & reported

That it is necessary to send some proper person forthwith to Boston to procure five Tons of lead & five thousand flints to be transported to Exeter as soon as possible, and that Major Gains be appointed for that service, and to take orders & Instructions concerning the same from the Committee of Safety.

The Committee also reported, That it is expedient that the Militia of this State be divided into two Brigades, and that the Vote of the 20th of June last for Dividing the Militia into three Brigades be reconsidered & made Void. That the first Brigade contain the following regiments viz. Whipple's, Evans', Moulton's, Gilman's, Bartlett's, Thornton's, Webster's, Badger's & M^c^Clary's, to be commanded by the Hon^ble^ William Whipple, Esq, as Brigadier General: That the second Brigade contain the following Regiments, viz. Nichols', Ashley's, Moores', Stickney's, Hale's, Bellow's, Hobart's, Morey's, & Chase's, to be commanded by the Hon^bl^ John Stark, Esq^r^ as Brigadier Generall: That there be four Companys of Rangers raised within the said second Brigade to consist of fifty men each company, officers included, to scout on the Western & Northern frontiers of this State, to serve untill the first day of January next if not sooner Discharged; That their wages be Ten dollars per month; that they have one month's pay advanced; that they be under the command of Brigadier Gen^l^ Stark, who shall be amenable for his conduct to the Gen^l^ Court or to the Committee of [P. 186.] Safety of this State; That Brig^r^ Gen^l^ Stark have the same pay & rations as a Colonel in the Continental Service, during his actual attendance on said service, until yᵉ 1ˢᵗ of Janʸ next, unless sooner discharged from said service; That the other officers have the same pay & Encouragement as those raised for the Defence of Rhode Island: That in case the said John Stark Decline accepting the said service, that then Colᵒ Benjamin Bellows be appointed to the said office & command.

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(1) See proceedings of the Massachusetts General Assembly relating to the same matters in N. H. State Pap. Vol. VII. pp. 147-149.—ED.

Then the Committee Dispersed & the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Question was put whether the said Report be accepted or not, & it past in the affirmative.

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock:

P. M.

Voted, That this house resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Honᵇˡ Board to consider of the Letter recᵈ by Express from Ira Allen, Secʸ of the Council of the New State of Vermont, and to report what is best to be done thereon:

Letter from Ira Allen, Esq. Secʸ &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 205.]

In Council of Safety, State of Vermont,
Manchester, 11ᵗʰ July, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

The inclosed is a Copy of General St. Clair's Letter to the Convention of this State, by which you will learn his request to the Militia of your State: No further accounts have arrived since the date of the inclosed, except that there are small scouting parties foraging in the Woods. You will learn the Provision General Schuyler has made for the protection of this State, and you will naturally understand that when we cease to be a frontier, your State must take it—Would beg your advice and assistance for the good of the whole,

And have the honor to be, Gentlemen, with respect, your most obedᵗ & very Humᵇ Servᵗ

By order of the Council,
IRA ALLEN, Secʸ.

N. B. News has this moment come to hand that General How with his Army have got up the North River as far as Tappan near the Highlands and that the Inhabitants are moving out of Albany. We hear General Washington is with his army in high spirits watching the motions of the Enemy.

I. ALLEN.

The Honᵇˡ the Council of Safety, New Hampshire State.

Copy of a Letter from General St. Clair to the Convention of Vermont.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 197.]

Colonall Marshes, (1) July 9ᵗʰ 1777.

SIR—I have just now received a letter from General Schuyler directing that Colonell Warner's Regiment with the Militia of your State should be kept for the protection of the People, and I have by this Conveyance wrote to the Colonell to acquaint him thereof. The General also desires that all the Cattle may be drove further down than where it may be thought proper that Col° Warner take Post, and that all the carriages which may be use to the Enemy be brought off or destroyed: he also desires that all the cattle in condition for killing may be sent on by a safe Route to Fort Edward where he now is with some Continental Troops and Militia, a large Reinforcement from Peak's-kill are on their march from Albany to join him, and if I can be supplied with Provision at Manchester I shall also join him with the utmost expedition, where we shall have force sufficient to check the Progress of the Enemy. Your Convention have given such proofs of their readiness to concur in any measures for the public safety that it would be impertinent to press them now. I will only repeat the Request I made before that the Militia from the Eastward marching by Number Four may be directed to take the shortest Route to join the army.

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(1) Supposed to mean Col. Marsh of Vermont.—Ed.

(On Public service) I am, Sir, your very hum^l serv^t

A. T. CLARY(1).

Previous to the receipt of your Letter of the 6th inst. I had directed the Militia of your State that were with me to remain at Rutland for the protection of the People until your Convention should direct otherwise, and am pleased to find myself in sentiment with them and with General Schuyler. The Militia that can be raised in your County will, I think, keep the People in security, for in my opinion, they have little to fear, except the Depredations of a few Indians. Fort Ann was attacked the day before Yesterday, and the Enemy repulsed with considerable loss.

(True Copy—)

Examined by Ira Allen, Sec^y

Indorsed—" Copy of a Letter from Gen^l St. Clair, to the Convention of Vermont"

Letter from Ira Allen, Esq. to the Committee of Safety in New Hampshire, urging immediate assistance.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 231.]

Manchester, 15th July, 1777.

In Council of Safety, State of Vermont.

GENTLEMEN—

This State in particular seems to be at present the object of Destruction. By the surrender of the Fortress Ticonderoga a communication is opened to the defenceless inhabitants on the frontier, who, having little more in present store than sufficient for the maintenance of their respective Families, and not ability immediately to remove their effects, are therefore induced to accept such Protections as are offered them by the Enemy; By this means those Towns who are most contiguous to them are under necessity of taking such Protection by which the next Town or Towns become equally a Frontier as the former Towns before such Protection;—and unless we can obtain the assistance of our friends so as to put it immediately in our power to make a sufficient stand against such strength as they may send, it appears that it will soon be out of the Power of this State to maintain a frontier. This country notwithstanding its infancy seems as well supplied [with] provisions for victualling an army as any country on the Continent, so that on that account, we cannot see why a stand may not as well be made in this State as in the State of New Hampshire; and more especially as the inhabitants are heartily disposed to Defend their Liberties. You, Gentlemen, will be at once sensible that every such Town as accept protection, are rendered at that instant forever incapable of affording us any further assistance, and what is infinitely worse, as some diseffected Persons eternally lurk in almost every Town, such become double fortified to injure their country; our good dispositions to defend ourselves and make a frontier for your State with our own cannot be carried into execution without your assistance; should you send immediate assistance we can help you, and should you neglect till we are put to the necessity of taking protection, you readily know it is in a moment out of our power to assist you: your laying these circumstances together, will I hope induce your Honours to take the same into consideration and immediately send us your determination in the Premises.

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(1) This name is undoubtedly mis-spelt by the copyist. It should be A. St. Clair.—ED

I have the satisfaction to be your Honours
most obed^{t} and very Hum^{bl} serv^{t}
By order of Council— IRA ALLEN, Sec^{y}.

The Hon^{bl} the Council of Safety
State of New Hampshire.

P. S. By Express this moment arrived, we learn that between 3 & 6 Thousand of the Enemy are fortifying at the Town of Castleton—our case calls loud for immediate assistance. I. ALLEN.
(On Public Service.)

Letter from Ira Allen, Esq. of Vermont, relating to hastening on Troops. &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 229.]

In Council of Safety, State of Vermont.
Manchester, 15th July, 1777.

To all Militia Officers whom it may concern:—

This is the second and perhaps the last Express we may be able to send you from this post. Your immediate assistance is absolutely necessary; a few hundred militia troops to be joined to our present strength would greatly add to our present encouragement; as, by very late information we learn that a large scout of the enemy are disposed to take a Tour to this Post, the inhabitants with their Families cannot be quieted without an assurance of the arrival of Troops directly for their assistance; you will please to let us know your determination without delay.

The Continental Store at Bennington seems to be their present aim. You will be supplyed with provision here on your arrival—Pray send all the Troops you can possibly raise. We can repulse them if we have assistance.

I have the the honor to be your most obedt
Humb servt
By order of Council
IRA ALLEN, Secy.

Letter from the New Hampshire Committee of Safety to the Massachusetts Committee.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 235.]

In Committee of Safety, July 16th, 1777.

SIR—The accounts we are continually receiving make it more than probable that our Northern army have suffered very much on their retreat, and those who escaped are much scattered. We have sent officers to No. 4, to stop all the soldiers on their way home as well of the other States as our own, and we understand a considerable number is collected there.

We have no letter from the army & know not the rout they have taken & are greatly at a loss what measures are necessary to be taken at this Important crisis, and desire a communication of your sentiments on the subject. Our General Assembly will meet tomorrow, and we are sure will readily coincide with our sister States in adopting the most spirited exertions to retrieve the losses and save our Country from the threaten'd Destruction.

P. S. The Inhabitants of our Frontier Towns on Connecticut River are sending their Committees in the most pathetic manner, begging to be supplied with fire-arms, as half of them (they say) are destitute, and other parts of the State not much better stocked. We must again repeat our solicitations in the most urgent manner to our sister State to sell us some of the large Quantities of Guns they have lately Imported, or a considerable part of our Militia must remain unwilling spectators of the War, in which they would gladly assist their country.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 237.]

A Letter from the Massa Committee in answer to the foregoing, saying, "We are sorry 'tis not in our power to supply you with the arms you request. We have furnish'd you by Colo Folsom with five Tons of Lead & five thousand Flints."

The Committee of both Houses being met according to the above Vote, the Honbl Meshech Weare Esqr in the Chair proceeded to consider of the above mentioned letter, and after Debate & consideration thereon agreed to Report:

That one quarter part of the Militia of the Second Brigade in this State & of Col. Thornton's, Colo Webster's & Colo Badger's regiments in the first Brigade in this State (not already in the service of this State & of the United States) be forthwith Drafted for the service of this State to march Imediately for the Defence of this State & the Neighbouring States, to prevent the Encroachment & ravages of the

Enemy thereinto & to continue in that service for the space of two months, if not sooner discharged. The officers to have the same wages & rations as those raised for the Defence of Rhode Island, and the soldiers to be paid Four pounds per month wages, one months pay to be advanced. That Mr. Samuel Trott Imediately repair to Col. Hunt at Charlestown with orders from the Com^tee^ of Safety for him to provide what stores of Provision he can for the service of this State:

Whereupon the Committee was Dissolved & the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Report of the said Committee being read & considered

Voted, That the same be received and accepted.

[P. 187.] Voted, That the Militia of this State be divided into two Brigades, and that the Vote of the 20th June last for Dividing the Militia into three Brigades be & hereby is reconsidered & made void That the first of the said Two Brigades contain the following regiments, viz. Whipple's, Evens', Moulton's, Gilman's, Bartlett's, Thornton's, Webster's, Badgers and McClary's, and that the Honble William Whipple Esq. command the said first Brigade as Brigadier General: That the Second Brigade contain the following Regiments, viz. Nichols's, Ashley's, Moore's, Stickney's, Hale's, Bellow's, Hobart's, Morey's, & Chase's, and that the Honbl John Stark Esq. command the said second Brigade as Brigadier General, and that the said Brigadier Generals be always amenable for their conduct to the General Court or Committee of Safety for the time being. [Concurred.]

Voted, That one Quarter part of the Militia in the Second Brigade in this State and of Col° Thornton's, Col. Webster's & Col. Badger's regiments in the first Brigade in this State (not already in the service of this State or of the United States,) be forthwith Draughted for the service of this State to march Imediately for the defence of this and the Neighbouring States to prevent the Encroachments & ravages of the Enemy thereinto: That they continue in the said service for the space of Two months unless sooner Discharged: the Commissioned officers to have the same wages & rations as those raised for the Defence of Rhode Island, the Non-Commissioned officers & soldiers to be paid four pounds per month wages, one month's pay to be advanced on their passing muster.

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Trott be appointed to repair to Col° Samuel Hunt at Charlestown with orders from the Com^tee^ of Safety to him to Provide and Store what Provisions & other Stores he can procure for the service of this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. Samuel Hunt of Charlestown have & receive out of the Treasury for the purpose of Purchasing Provisions & Stores for the use of this State, the sum of one thousand pounds to be by him accounted for, and that the President give order for the same to be paid to Mr. Samuel Trott. [Concurred.]

[P. 188.] The Committee of both Houses appointed to Nominate proper persons for a Com^tee^ to go to Springfield in the County of Hampshire to meet Committees from the States of the Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut & New York on the 30th Inst. for the purposes mentioned in the report of the Com^tee^ of the whole House & Council of yesterday made Report:

That they Nominate Col. Josiah Bartlett, and Col. Nathaniel Peabody as suitable Persons for that service:—

Which Report being read and Considered, Voted that the same be rec^d^ & accepted.

Voted, That the officers & soldiers now to be raised for the Defence of this & the Neighboring States be paid three pence per mile for Travel from their respective homes to Charlestown & that the same be paid them when they pass muster.

Saturday, July 19th, 1777.

[P. 189.] Voted, to chuse a Committee of three of this house to join such as the Hon^bl^ Board shall appoint to consider of a Proper day to be appointed for a day of General Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer to be observed throughout this State and to Form a Proclamation for that End & Report the same to this House as soon as may be, and that Deacon Dearborn, Deacon Daken, & Deacon Knowles be the Com^tee^ of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Wentworth added.]

The Petition of Joshua Atherton, Stephen Holland, Jon^a^ Gove, Leonard Whiting, William Vance, Rich^d^ Cutts Shannon, Robert Fulton, jun^r^, John Moloney & Jeremiah Clough, jun^r^, of this day was read, and sent up to the Board by Col. Peabody.(1)

[On report of the Committee of both houses, upon the subject of wages to officers, non-commissioned officers & soldiers:]

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(1) This petition has not been found.—ED.

Voted, That the officers receive the same wages & rations as is paid in the Continental army, and the non-commissioned officers the usual overplus, and that the privates receive four pounds ten shillings pr month; and that each Colonel be supply'd with money to pay one months advance wages.

Voted, That Nathaniel Peabody Esq^{r} be and hereby is appointed Adjutant General for this State.

Voted, That Major Stephen Peabody be and hereby is, appointed Brigade Major of the Second Brigade of the Militia in this State. [Both concurred.]

Voted, To chuse a Com^{tee} to join such as the Hon^{bl} board shall appoint to consider of and Report to this house some method for taking Fire-arms from such persons within this State as refuse to take up arms against the Enemies of the American States, for the use of this State, and that Mr. Knowles, Mr. Sias, & Col. Moulton be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Wentworth & Mr. Patten added.]

[P. 190.] Voted, That the President be desired to Draw orders on the Treasurer for the amount of seven thousand pounds to be distributed by him to the several Colonells of the Regiments now ordered to draught men in their respective Regiments for the defence of this & the Nei'bouring States, in such proportion as their respective Quotas of men to be Draughted amount to, to be by the said several Colonels respectively accounted for, to pay the months advance wages voted said men. [Concurred.]

In Council, July 19th, 1777.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the sums respectively set against the names:

To Lieut. Col. Gordon Hutchins,	for Col^{o} Stickney........	£1023.
" "	for Col^{o} David Hobart	268
To Matt^{w} Patten, Esq.	for Col^{o} Daniel Moore,	802
To Lt. Col. Eben^{r} Smith,	for Col^{o} Badger—	569
To Samuel Trott	for Col^{o} Bellows............	478
" "	for Col^{o} Israel Morey....	246
" "	for Col^{o} Jon^{a} Chase	348
To Col^{o} John Webster,	for	431
To Col^{o} Moses Nichols,	for	887
To Col^{o} Samuel Ashley,	for	765
To Col^{o} Enoch Hale—	for	679
To Col^{o} Moses Nichols	for Col^{o} Thornton	504

[Upon report and recommendation of a Committee]

Voted, That Thursday the seventh day of August next be appointed to be observed as a day of Publick Fasting, Humiliation & prayer, throughout this State, and that the Committee of Safety be desired to get Proclamations Printed & Dispersed accordingly. [Concurred.]

The Committee to report on some method for taking firearms from such persons within this State as refuse to take up arms against the Enemies of the American States, for the use of this State, reported as their opinion:

That the Colonels of the several regiments be Impowered to take or cause to be be taken the fire-arms from the several persons referr'd to, having the same appraised by two indifferent persons, and if not returned to the owner or owners, or spoiled, to be paid for by the State.
Signed J. Wentworth, chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received & accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Brigadier General Stark have & receive the same pay & rations as other Brigadier Generals have in the service of the United States during his continuance in actual service. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^o Benj^a Bellows have & receive £200, Col. Ashley, £150. Col. Enoch Hale £100, each to be accounted for, &c:

[P. 191.] That Mr. John Casey be appointed Clerk to Gen^l Stark, and that he be paid the same wages as a Lieutenant in the Continental army during his continuance in the service:

That Samuel Dutch receive 12*s*. in full for services as door keeper &c.

That the members of the Council & House of Representatives be paid for their attendance at the present sessions, in the same manner, as at the last Session: That Hon^{bl} Eben^r Thompson, Sec^y, be paid 6*s*. pr. day for his services in the Committee of Safety; also 6*s*. pr day the present sessions, over & above his pay as a councillor, That Noah Emery, Clerk, receive 12*s* pr day, during this sessions; & Mr. John Smith, assist. clerk, 3*s* per day over his pay, as a member.

State of New Hampshire:

WHEREAS in and by an Act Intituled An Act in addition to an Act Intituled "an Act for Forming & regulating the Militia within the State of New Hampshire in New England, and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose," It is provided That the Field officers of the respective regiments in this State, or the major part of them (on receiving orders from the Major General) shall Issue Warrants to the several Captains of the several Companies therein, to call the Same with the Alarm List together, in order to draft men for the purposes therein mentioned: Which provision alone has been found ineffectual to answer the Purposes in & by said Act intended:

[P. 192.] *Be it therefore Resolved*, That when & so often as it shall happen that there be an imediate Call for a number of soldiers to serve in the war between Great Britain and the United States of America, and a sufficient number not imediately appearing by voluntary Enlistment for that Purpose,—It shall and may be Lawful for the next commanding Officer (in the absence of the Major General) as well as for the President of the Council, or the Chairman of the Committee of Safety for the time being, of this State to Issue Warrants to any or either of the Field Officers of the several Regiments aforesaid, who are hereby fully authorized to proceed & Draft their respective Quotas of men in the same manner as in & by the aforementioned Act is directed. [Concurred.]

The House having finished the necessary Business of this Special Session, Adjourned to the third Wednesday (being the seventeenth day) of September next at three of the Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the State House in Portsmouth.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS &C. BETWEEN THE SPECIAL SESSION, JULY 19, AND THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1777.

Letter to Gen. Stark, relating to the retreat, engagement and distresses of the army, &c.

(Extract.) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 241.]

Moses Creek, July 17th, 1777.

Dear COLONEL—

"Our situation puts me in mind of what I have heard you often say of Ticonderoga. Such a Retreat was never heard of since the Creation of the world. I was ordered about five of the Clock in the afternoon to draw forty eight Rounds pr man: afterwards, nine days allowance of provision which I compleated about 2 of the clock in the morning, and about the time I got home the Tents were struck, and all was ordered to retreat; but it was day light before we got below your old house; such order surprised both officers & soldiers; then they wished for General Sullivan to the Northern army again; they left all the Continental cloathing there; in short every article that belonged to the army; which if properly conducted might be easily saved. Surely we were fifty thousand times better off than General Sullivan was in Canada last year; our men was in high spirits, and determined to a man to stick by the lines till they lost their lives, rather than quit so advantageous a Post; Drove us a long two or three & thirty miles that day, till the Rear Guard got to Bowman's Camp; the men being so fatigued were obliged to stay, and were attacked in the morning by the Regulars, who travell'd all Night, and just got up by the time we were beginning to march in a disorderly manner; our men being in confusion, and made no great of a Battle. But some behaved & some did not. Col° Reed acted his part very well. Col° Hale they said did not. Col° Hale is either kill'd or taken. Little Dwyer behaved like a lusty fellow & died in the Bed of Honour; as nearly as I could conjecture, we had odds of a thousand that attacked them; our main body was within six miles of us, the Indians took & killed a vast number of our men on their Retreats; then was hurried at an unmerciful rate thro' the woods at the rate of thirty-five miles a day, oblidg'd to kill oxen belonging to the Inhabitants wherever we got them; before they were half skinned every soldier was oblidged to take a bit & half Roast it over the fire, then before half done was oblidged to March,—it is thought we went 100 miles for fear of seeing a Regular (I mean out of the way) there never was a field officer consulted, whether we should retreat or not, which makes them very uneasy; so that the blame of our Retreat must fall on our Commanders; never was soldiers in such a condition without cloaths, victuals or drink & constantly wet. Caleb(1) and I are just as our mothers bore us without the second shirt, the second pair of shoes, stockings or coats,—but, however its all in the Continen*tal*(2). Caleb does vastly better than he ever did with you. Col° Cilley is very fond of us. Indeed, I suppose we are pretty diligent for the most part. Give my compliments to Peggy, Arch & Jenny & Martha." I am Respects—Yours &c.

N. B. The officers lost all their Baggage, writings & all. The Rear Guard were mostly In'valids, and our Gen^{l} took away the main Body, and even refused to send assistance when the Cols. begged him to do it.

Indorsed—"Letter from Cogan to Gen^{l} John Stark," &c.

Letter from Col. Seth Warner to New Hampshire Committee of Safety.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 245.]

Manchester, July 18th, 1777.

GENTLE^{n}—

You have, inclos'd, General Schuyler's Orders for raising the Militia of your State to join me in Defence of the Country, which I believe, if you knew the necessity we stand in of help and that soon, it would be a means to forward you on. There is an Army or Body of the Enemy to the amount of three Thousand at Castleton, many of the People have fled and left all in the Enemys hands and continually on the move, and unless we can have help to make a stand against the Enemy, I know not where the End will be. Some have took Protection from them already, and should they march down with any considerable Body (which according to the best Intelligence we can get they are now about to do) many more stand ready to take it likewise. I therefore earnestly Request of your Honours to, without fail, speedily to send on the Militia of your State agreeable to Gen. Schuyler's Orders. The confusion, Distress and Trouble of our country in this District presses me to urge the matter. We have this minute Receiv'd news that the Enemy are about marching this way down the country.

I am, Gent^{n}, your Honours Humb^{l} serv^{t}.

SETH WARNER, Col°.

To the Hon^{bl} the Council of the
State of New Hampshire, & the
Field officers in s^{d} State.

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(1) *Caleb* was the eldest son of Gen. John Stark.—ED.

(2) This word is mutilated.—ED.

Orders to draft men.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 247.]

Exeter, July 18th 1777.

SIR—In pursuance of a Vote of the Council & Assembly of this day's date you are forthwith to cause one fourth part of the Militia under your command to be drafted for two months in order to prevent the further encroachments of the Enemy.

For their encouragement in this time of general alarm, the Genl Court have Voted, that each Captain shall receive eight pounds, each Lieut. £5:10*s*, each Ensign £4, Sargeants, corporals & privates each 4 D. per month, & each non-commissioned officer & private is to have a month's pay advanced which will be sent to each Colonel to be paid them on their being ready to march. It is supposed that the Number drafted will compose three Regiments to be commanded by 4 Field officers, viz. a Colonel Lieut. Col. & 2 Majors & its expected you'll agree among yourselves upon the persons, whose pay & rations will be the same with that the Field officers recd in the Continental service the last year. The whole to be commanded by Brig. Genl Stark,—each man is to receive 3*d* per mile from his home to Charlestown where he will receive provisions.

Indorsed—" Copy of orders to several
Regts to Draft men, July 22d 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 151.]

Letter from Col. Seth Warner, dated Manchester, July 20th 1777, to the General officers of the Militia in the Counties of Hampshire & Worcester in Mass. urging immediate help.

Letters giving warning of the advance of the British troops.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 249.]

From Joel Matthews to Genl Bailey.

SIR—I have this moment recd intelligence from Otter Creek of the motion of the Enemy, viz. That yesterday they were at Rutland, and this day they were to be at White's nine miles this side with an intent to march to No. 4. also another Detachment to march to Cohos. This intelligence comes by way of Windsor to me. I have ordered to raise the Militia in these parts. We have sent to Colo Marsh, who likely will also send to you. I still wait your orders, tho' I shall march what men I can raise to oppose the Enemy.

In haste, I am, Sir, your Huml servt

JOEL MATTHEWS.

Genl Bayley,
Hartford, July 19th 1777.

Letter from Beza Woodward, Esq.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 239.]

To the Committees, Military officers and good People in the State of New Hampshire:

Post call'd on me this moment with the Letter of which the above [from Mr. Matthews] is a copy. As you regard the safety of this

Frontier, for God's sake, pray come forward without delay. The bearer Mess^rs Wood and Longfellow are sent Express for that purpose. Please forward them with despatch.

BEZ. WOODWARD, Clk,
Com^tee of Safety, for Hanover.

Hanover, midnight
Saturday night, July 19^th, 1777.

Assembly at Exeter are earnestly requested to send forw^d arms & ammunition for People in this Country, as well as men. Capt. Storrs return'd home this day. BEZA WOODWARD, Clk.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 253.]

Letter to the N. H. Committee of Safety, from Maj. Francis Smith, of Col. Chase's Reg^t. dated Lebanon July 20^th 1777, imploring immediate assistance in arms and ammunition, &c. Col. Chase is very ill at present. Lieut. Jonathan Freeman of Hanover, is agent to go to the General Assembly at Exeter, to make representation of their case.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 255.]

Letter from George King Esq. of Portsmouth, July 21^st, 1777, saying that no salt can be procured in Portsmouth, nor any Continental powder.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 257.]

"Gen. Heath presents his compliments to the Hon^bl Mr. Cushing & acquaints him that Mr. Brewer one of the conductors who attended the Brass Cannon to Fish-Kill is just arrived in Town from that place, which he left on Wednesday last. He informs that he himself assisted in Putting ten pieces of Cannon on Board a Sloop for Albany; that General Sullivan was opposite to Fish-Kill with his Division waiting for vessels in order to proceed to Albany; That General Washington was to be at Kings-ferry as he was informed by Col^o Crane on Tuesday last, with the Grand Army, said to be 20,000 strong, with 800 Waggons, and a large number of Flat bottomed Boats on Carriages," &c.

Hon. Thomas Cushing, Esq.
July 21, 1777.

Letter from Col. John Hurd relating to apprehensions of danger from the enemy, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 259.]

(Extract.) Cohoss, Haverhill, July 21^st, 1777.

SIR—

"We were alarm'd yesterday by News from No. 4, that the regular army were upon their march towards Connecticut River—But this afternoon we have seen a copy of another Letter from Strafford, a Township lying West of Thetford, opposite Lime, requesting immediate assistance to them for that one half the people of that Town were gone off to the Regulars. This seems an alarming circumstance, as we apprehend these people who have been known to be Tories some time past, have held correspondence with the Regular Army, & know their designs of marching in towards this River; so that now we may most certainly expect a Visit from 'em, if our people do not muster strong enough to repel them, which we hope will be the case, for by the Reports we have, the whole Country appears to be highly exasperated since the unfortunate & unexpected Loss of Ty——— & its dependencies. The people in this Quarter are most of 'em we trust spirited to exert themselves all in their power, but are much in want of good fire arms. If there's any fire arms belonging to the State to be spared, a proportionable part ought to be sent this way for y^e use of Col. Morey's Reg^t.; what comes to Cohoos may be intrusted to Col. Johnston & Major Hale, on whose care you may depend to distribute them & take such security from each man as the Committee of Safety shall direct."

Sir, Y^r most hum^b Serv^t, J. Hurd.

To the Hon^bl Meshech Weare.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bayley, relating to the same matter.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 263.]

Lyme, July 21^st, 1777.

Gent^n—Sundry Expresses has arrived from Winsor informing of the Enemy's pressing toward No. 4 and Coos; and this day we find that about thirty men has deserted from Strafford and Thetford to the Enemy, which obliges to move at least twenty Familys, and at least four hundred Cattle and sheep across the River at Lyme; neither can we secure what is left at Strafford without help, unless the militia now raised march to Otter Creek, which if they do we will operate with them, which will make us secure;—otherways five hundred men will not be able to guard this River,—beg you will take the matter under your consideration and act therein as you think proper.

I am Gent^n your very Hum^b Serv^t,

Jacob Bayley.

Letter from Col. Israel Morey & Col. Jona. Child, on the same subject.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 265.]

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire:

Gen^t—"We would inform you of the disagreeableness of near one half the people in Strafford a town back of Thetford, deserting to the Regulars; in consequence whereof the remaining part of s^d Strafford yesterday sent an Express over to us on this side the River to come to their assistance; we repaired imediately to their relief, found the remainder of the Inhabitants determined to remove, so that this day they have retreated to this River with more than 200 head of Cattle and about the same number of sheep and there is a considerable number in Thetford deserted, and sundry others on this River refuse to take up arms in our defence, w'ich obliges us to renew our request for help both for men and warlike stores."

We are Gen^t, Your Serv^ts

Israel Morey
Jona. Child.

Letter from Governor Cooke of Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 267.]

Providence, July 21, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—This morning an Express arrived in town from Col° Noyes informing that a Fleet of about 40 square rigged Vessells were discovered off Watch Hill in Westerly, coming through the Sound standing Eastward, so that it is past doubt that they are bound into Newport. We request that you immediately send all the assistance in your power to our aid.

We imagine that the Enemy intend to possess themselves of this town & then penetrate the Country as far as your Capital. We are directing all our Militia & alarm men to march into this place & to such other places as we expect it probable they may land.

I am with very great respect, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t hhb^l Serv^t

(Copy) NICH^s COOKE.

Hon. Council of the Mass^a Bay.

[In answer to the foregoing, Gen. Artemas Ward, writes July 22^d "We have ordered Maj. Gen Warren, with two Brigadiers having half the Militia (including the Alarm List) of the Counties of Bristol & Plymouth, a few towns excepted, & half the Militia of eleven other Reg^{ts} to your immediate support."

[This information is sent to the Committee of Safety in New Hampshire. ED.]

State of New Hampshire,

In Committee of Safety, Exeter, July 23^d 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 273.]

Hon. ARTEMAS WARD—

SIR—Orders issued the last week for one Quarter part of two thirds of the Regiments of militia in this State to march immediately to the assistance of our Friends in the new State of Vermont, under the command of Br. Gen. Stark: and we shall in consequence of the Intelligence forwarded by you, issue orders directly to the Colonels of the other Regiments to draft one half of the militia, who are to be properly equipt to march at a minutes warning to those places where their aid shall be found necessary. Nothing on our part we hope will be wanting to put a speedy stop to the further Ravages of our merciless Enemies. I am, Sir—

By order of the Com^{tee}

——— ——— Chairman.

P. S. By repeated expresses we learn that the
Enemy have advanced 9 miles this side
Otter Creek on the road to No. 4.

Orders to Militia Colonels to draft.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 278.]

In Committee of Safety, July 23^d^, 1777.

To Col° ——— ———

You are hereby required without delay to draft the one half of your Regiment, including the Alarm List fit to bear arms, and see they are immediately equipt with arms and Ammunition as the law directs, & to be able to march at a minutes warning to such place within the four New England States as the movements of the Enemy may require; and see that one quarter part of the officers in proper stations are ready to march with them: We having received this day by Expres from the Mass^a^ Bay advice that the Fleet of the Enemy have quitted N. York with intentions to invade some of the New England states aforesaid. ——— ———

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 279.]

Letter from Gen. Schuyler, July 24, 1777, to the New York Council of Safety, expressing strong apprehensions of danger from Gen. Burgoyne's march across the country, &c. "If Gen. Burgoyne can penetrate to Albany, the Forces which is certainly coming by way of Oswego will find no difficulty in reaching the Mohawk River, and that being arrived there, they will be joined not only by Tories, but by every person that finds himself capable of removing, and wishes to make his peace with the Enemy & by the whole Body of the Six Nations. These forming a junction with Burgoyne at Albany, whilst Gen. Howe presses up the River, it will either put Gen. Washington between two fires or drive him to the necessity of filing off into New England." [Hence he urges the necessity of immediate reinforcements.]

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 281.]

Letter from Mass^a^ Council of Safety, July 24, 1777, says, "By letters from Providence rec^d^ to day we are informed that the Fleet coming thro' the Sound that so much terrified that Town a few days since, was nothing more than a small foraging or victualling Fleet."

Orders relating to Fortresses in Piscataqua Harbour.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 289.]

State of New Hampshire—

In Committee of Safety, Exeter, July 25^th^, 1777.

Resolved, That the officers of the Matross Companies stationed at the Fortresses in Piscataqua Harbour be directed to keep in their Barracks by night, and to suffer no soldier to be absent on Furlow or otherwise longer than for six hours at a time; and that the said officers with their soldiers exert themselves in putting said Fortresses in the best posture of Defence possible.

M. Weare, Chairman.

Letter From Gen. Nathaniel Folsom, delegate in Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 291.]

Philadelphia, July 26th, 1777.

SIR—I arrived here in good health the 20th, being stopt two days on the road by foul weather. I performed the Journey in 12 days; on my joining the Congress I found them worried with Petitions from a great number of French Gentlemen for Commissions to serve in our Army—to be made Generals & none less than Colonels, & that our Agents in France & General Washington in the Camp were not less troubled with them.

The first opportunity we had we presented the Petition of Mr. Philbrook & that of our State (1) to the consideration of Congress which was referred to the Treasury Board, & this morning we are to have a hearing before them. By what we can learn from the members & the exhausted state of the Treasury at this time, we despair of success on the Petition of the State, tho' it seems to be the wish of Congress that the same thing which is asked by us might be done with each of the thirteen United States. However if we should fail now we shall embrace the first opportunity to try them again & do everything in our power to accomplish so desirable an end.

I am not without hopes of obtaining a grant for Mr. Philbrook as at present I have heard no objection to it.

The loss of Ticonderoga considerably alarmed Congress as they were informed but a little time before by Genl St. Clair that it was in a good state of defence: An inquiry into that affair is thought necessary. By intelligence from our Guards near New York, we learn that Lord & General Howe sailed from that place with most of the army on Wednesday the 23d Inst;—It is generally thought for some part of New England.

I am, Sir, with the greatest respect
Yr most Obedt. humb. servt.
NATHl FOLSOM.

Hon. Meshek Weir, Esqr.

Letter from the Council of Safety, New York, to the Committee of Safety, New Hampshire, relating to their peculiar trials.

(Extract.) [State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 293.]

State of New York. Kingston, July 27th 1777.

SIR—

"The Evacuation of Ticonderoga was a very unexpected event, and has been attended with An unhappy Influence on our affairs. The People are disgusted, disappointed & alarmed.

"The Council are constrained to observe that it is not in their power to afford General Schuyler much aid. Five counties of this State are in the possession of the Enemy; three others are disunited by malcontents who meditate a Revolt, and are attempting to avail themselves of the present troubles to advance their interested Purposes, insomuch that all Order and Government has ceased among them. Of the remaining Six Counties, a third part of the Militia of three of them, namely Orange, Ulster and Dutchess has been in actual service ever since May last and are yet in the Field; Westchester has been so harrassed by the Incursions of the Enemy from New York, that during the last Winter and almost ever since, their Militia have been obliged to provide for their own Defence: a third part of the County of Tryon are ordered to embody without delay, and a considerable proportion of Albany are already marched or marching to the Field. Add to this the number of Inhabitants constantly employed on the Communications, in transportation &c. &c.; and the still greater number, who, tempted by prospects of ease or profits have quitted this invaded State and sought inglorious quiet among our more peaceful neighbors; and you, Sir, will perceive how greatly our strength is exhausted.

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(1) See *ante*, p. 600.—ED.

"It is unnecessary to observe to you, Sir, that the Destruction of this State will bring the Horrors of War to the Doors of many who now seem idle spectators of it.

"We hope the State of New Hampshire will on this occasion exert herself in a manner becoming the character she hath hitherto sustained in the Scale of American Importance, and that New York will not be left unsupported in this day of trial."

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obed^t^ hum^le^ serv^t^
By order, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Presid^t^
To the President of the State of New Hampshire.

Letter from Gen. William Williams to Gen. Stark, to push on men for the defence of Vermont.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 295.]

Manchester, 28^th^ July, 1777.

Dear General—

Last evening Rec^d^ your favor of the 25^th^ Inst., am very glad to hear of Relief from you, as the Troops now under my command are constantly returning home, and without immediate help from you shall be left destitute of any. I therefore hope your Honour will push on men with the greatest Expedition by Companies, as I think you will not be exposed on your march: We have intelligence by Scouts and sundry Inhabitants to the Northward, that the Enemy have actually left Castletown, and also have marched from Skeensborough to Fort Ann last Thursday.

Our troops attacked their Boats in Wood Creek & killed and wounded three hundred of the Enemy, which caused them to retreat. I shall make the best provision possible for the Quartering of your Troops, but the loss of all our Kettles at Ticonderoga, puts it out of my Power to provide any, or at least a sufficient number for your troops. You will therefore send orders back to your State to provide you with such necessarys as you shall think proper.

Sir, we shall provide Beds and other necessaries which your Honour may need in Camp for your own use. We have plenty of Provision and ammunition for present use, and more can be had on the shortest notice.

I am, Sir, Your most obedt Hum^{l} serv^{t}
(Copy) WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
To Gen^{l} Stark.

Resolves of Congress, relating to an inquiry for evacuating Ticonderoga, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 299.]

In Congress, July 29, 1777.

RESOLVED, That an inquiry be made into the reasons of the evacuation of Tyconderoga and Mount Independence, and into the conduct of the General Officers who were in the Northern Department at the time of the evacuation.

That a Committee be appointed to digest and report the mode of conducting the inquiry.

July 30.

Resolved, That Major General St. Clair who commanded at Tyconderoga and Mount Independence, forthwith repair to head quarters.

August 1st.

Resolved, That Major General Schuyler be directed to repair to headquarters,

That General Washington be directed to order such General Officers as he shall think proper, immediately to repair to the Northern Department to releive Major General Schuyler in his command there.

That Brigadier Poor, Brigadier Patterson and Brigadier Roche de Firmoy be directed to repair to head quarters.

August 3^{d}.

Resolved, That General Washington be directed to order the General whom he shall judge proper to relieve General Schuyler in his command, to repair with all possible expedition to the Northern Department, giving him directions what numbers of the Militia to call in from the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

That notice be immediately sent to the Executive powers of the said States and that they be earnestly requested to get the Militia in those parts of their respective States most contiguous to the Northern Department, ready to march at a moment's warning, and to send with all possible expedition such parts of them as the General commanding in the Northern Department shall require, to serve till the 15th of November, if not sooner relieved by Continental Troops, or dismissed by the commanding officer of the Department;—and be entitled to the Continental pay and rations.

That the commanding officer in the Northern Department have discretionary powers to make requisitions on the States aforesaid from time to time, for such additional numbers of the Militia to serve in that department as he shall judge necessary for the public service.

Whereas it is represented to Congress that General Washington is of opinion that the immediate recal of all the Brigadiers from the Northern department, may be productive of inconvenience to the public service.

Resolved, That the order of Congress of the first day of this month respecting the said Brigadiers be suspended until General Washington shall judge it may be carried into effect with safety.

By order of Congress,
John Hancock, Presidt.

State of New Hampshire.

Copy of Instructions to Col. Saml Folsom, for Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 303.]

Sir—The Committee desire you to proceed to No. 4, & if General Stark has marched from thence to follow him & endeavour to find out what circumstances his men are in, how they are provided for, & what they are likely to want that can be supplied from this State. As the Convention of Vermont proposed supplying them with Provisions we depend they will.

You will inform Gen. Stark, that it is expected that he with the advise of his Field officers, appoint such necessary officers as they may have Occasion for.

We are fearfull that the troops will suffer for want of Kettles, but hope they have carried some from home. None could be procured in New England that we could hear of, which you will let them know.

You will inform Gen. Stark that all the Medicines that could be procured, as also 44 bushels of salt, & 1000 lbs of Balls are now on their way to No. 4.

You will endeavour to be informed whether there is a magazine of ammunition at Bennington, or whether our men must be supplied from this State, as we have but a small quantity on hand, you will inquire of Col. Hunt and Mr. Grout at No. 4 what Quantity of ammunition they have delivered to Gen. Stark's men, and what remains in their hands; and on the whole give such advice as you find needful for the public good to all persons concerned in the service of the State in those parts, and endeavour to contrive to the furnishing such things as you can that are absolutely needful, and make report on your return of such assistance as to you appears necessary to be sent them from hence.

July 30th, 1777. ——— ———
(B. G. Stark.)

Letter from General Stark to the Committee of Safety, New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 305.]

Charlestown, No. 4. July 30th 1777.

Sir—

I received yours of the 22d Inst. with the inclosed informing me of the situation of the enemy and of our frontiers; but previous to your letter I had received an Express from Colo Warner, informing me of their situation, and I forwarded 250 men to their relief on the 28th; I sent another detachment of this day, and as fast as they come in will send them. I expect to march myself tomorrow or next day; we are detained a good deal for want of Bullet molds as there is but one pair in Town, and the few Balls you sent goes but a little way in supplying the whole.

I am afraid we shall meet with difficulty in procuring Kettles or utensils to cook our Victuals as the Troops has not brought any. If such articles can be procured, I believe it would be of the utmost importance to the safety and welfare of the Troops. I am informed this day by a man from Otter Creek, that the Enemy is left Castletown and is gone to Skeensborough, with an intent to march to Bennington; but I rather think they do it by way of a faint to call the attention of General Schuyler from fort Edward or to Fatigue our Troops. There is four peices of small Cannon at this place that looks good, but wants to be cleared out and put on Carriages: if you should think proper I will order it done, as there is people here that says they can do it: As there is but very little Rum in the Store here, if some could be forwarded to us it would oblige us very much, as there is none of that article in them parts where we are agoing. I inclose you a Copy of a Letter I this moment received from Col° Williams, and as you informed me when I saw you last, that you had not received any account from any Gentleman in the army since the desertion of Ticonderoga, I likewise inclose you a Copy of a letter I recd from Mr. Coggan, (1) and by the best information is as near the truth as any you may receive. I have shewed it to Col° Bellows and a number of other officers that was present, and they say they could all sign it.

I am, Sirs, your Honours most
Obedt humle Servt
(Copy) JOHN STARK.

I would take it kind if the Brigade Majors Commission could be forwarded to me, as being present with me; his name is Stephen Peabody: Likewise adjt Edward Evans of Col° Stickney's Regt.

Resolves of Congress in relation to raising recruits &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 307.]

In Congress, July 31st, 1777.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Executive Authorities of each of the United States to divide their respective States into Districts, and to appoint a proper person in each district to recruit men to fill up the regiments raised in such State: that they take good security of the person so appointed for the faithful discharge of his duty, and rendering just accounts of all public monies that shall come to his hands; and that they allow for each able-bodied recruit so raised, who shall enlist for three years or during the war, the sum of eight Dollars in full for his trouble and expence; that where no provision for securing deserters has already been made by the Laws of the State, they give to each person, so appointed, full power to take up and secure all deserters that shall come within their respective districts; and, where force is necessary for this purpose that they direct the officers of the Militia to give such assistance as shall be required; that they allow him the sum of five dollars for every deserter so taken up And secured in full for his trouble and expence therein. And, for the encouragement of men to enter the service, they shall have liberty at the time of their enlistment, to make choice of the regiment, troop or company in which they will serve, provided such regiment, troop or company is not full; if it is, they may chuse any other regiment, troop or company which is not full, which shall be entered against their names, and returned to the officers appointed to receive such recruits; who shall, at the time they are sent to join their corps, transmit the same to the General or commanding officer.

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(1) See *ante*, pp. 640, 641—ED.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Executive Authorities of each of the United States, to appoint convenient places of rendezvous in their respective States for receiving recruits and deserters; and that they transmit to General Washington with as much expedition as possible, the names of such places of rendezvous, in order that proper officers may be sent to secure such recruits and deserters.

Resolved, That General Washington be directed to order all Continental Officers now absent from their corps, forthwith to join them, except only such as the General shall think necessary to receive recruits and march them to the army.

By order of Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, Presid^t.
State of New Hampshire.

Letter from General Washington to Gen. Putnam, relating to the British fleet and army going South.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 309.]

Coryell's Ferry, 31st July, 1777.

DEAR SIR—I have just received intelligence from Philadelphia that the Enemys Fleet arrived at the Capes of Delaware yesterday. You will therefore please to order the two Brigades which were thrown over the North river to march immediately to Philadelphia thro' Morris Town and over Corryell's Ferry where Boats will be ready for them. The Troops to march as expeditiously as possible without injuring the men.

I beg you will endeavor to make up your Garrison with Militia from Connecticut & New York as soon as possible; and I desire that you will forward this account by Express to Gen^l Schuyler and to the Eastern States, and I hope as they have now nothing to fear from General Howe, they will turn out their force both Continental and Militia to oppose Burgoine.

I am, dear Sir, y^r most obed^t Serv^t
(Copy) GEO. WASHINGTON.
Gen Putnam.

P. S. As the Enemy seem now fixed, I desire that you may keep two thousand Continental Troops, & order the others to march southward by the same track with the two Brigades. If any thing should induce me to think that the Enemy mean to send any part of their force back again I will immediately countermand the march of those Troops.

(Copy) G: WASHINGTON.

Gen. Putnam.

Copy of a Letter to William Weeks, Esq., in relation to Regulating articles of Sale.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 311.]

State of New Hampshire.

In Committee of Safety, July 31st, 1777.

SIR—

The Petition of your Convention of Committees was this day laid before this Committee by Capt. Parrot & Mr. Cheswell. I am directed to inform you that the request for a suspension of the Regulating Act for a certain time, is what the Committee are not impowered to comply with. They were appointed for special purposes but not authorized to make, suspend or repeal Laws of the State. Committees from each of the four New England States, in conjunction with a Committee from the State of New York, are now setting at Springfield in the State of Massach^tts^ Bay, expressly delegated with power to consider of the expediency of keeping in force Regulating Acts, Prohibitions from carrying certain enumerated articles from one State to another, and many other things which essentially concern the welfare of the whole; and to make Report to the several Legislatures. It is really to be hoped that some wise & salutary measures may be agreed on & recommended by said Committees; & until their report is received, the Committees in the most presing manner Recommend & call upon their fellow citizens to consider the cause of their country their own cause, & the cause of Millions yet unborn; & not by their cruel jealousys, murmurings, distress & avarice raise Distractions among the people, and thereby perplex, and perhaps destroy the most glorious cause that ever mankind were engaged in: But that they will freely impart whatever they have of the necessary articles of life (more than absolutely wanting for their own Families) at a reasonable price for the money emitted by the States; And further Recommend it to the Committees of the several Towns to use their utmost endeavours in supporting Peace & unanimity among the People, and doing as much as shall be in their power towards alleviating the distresses of such as need assistance.

Indorsed—"Copy of a Letter to Wm. Weeks, Esq., about the General Committee of Springfield, &c."

Letter from General Washington to Gen. Putnam, in relation to Gen. Howe's movements.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 317.]

Chester, Aug^st^ 1st, 1777.

DEAR SIR—I have this moment received intelligence by Express that the Enemies Fleet yesterday morning about 8 o'clock sailed out of the Capes an Eastern Course: this surprising unexpected Event gives me the greatest anxiety, and unless every possible exertion is made, may be productive of the happiest consequences to the Enemy and the most injurious to us. I have desired Gen^{l} Sullivan's Division & the two Brigades that left you last immediately to return and recross the river, & shall forward the rest of the army with all the Expedition in my power. I have also written to Gen^{l} Clinton requesting him instantly to reinforce you with as many of the Militia of the State of New York as he can, & you are on the receipt of this to send an Express to Gov^{r} Trumbull urging him to assist you with as many of the Connecticut Militia as he can collect, and without a moments loss of time. The importance of preventing Mr. Howe's possession of the Highlands by a *Coup de main* is infinitely great, & in the present situation of things every effort that can be thought of must be used. The probability of his going more Eastward is exceedingly small & the ill effects that might attend such a step inconsiderable in comparison with those that wou'd inevitably attend a successful stroke upon the Highlands. Connecticut cannot be in more danger thro' any other channel than this & every motion of its own Interest and the general Good demands the utmost endeavour to give you effectual assistance. Gov^{r}. Trumbull I doubt not, will be easily made sensible of this.

I am, Sir, your most Obed^{t} Serv^{t},

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Gen^{l}. Putnam.

Letter from Gen. Stark, relating to Stores at Charlestown and the State of the army.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 319.]

Charles Town, Aug^{t} 2^{d}, 1777.

SIR—

I this day Rec^{d} your favour by Col^{o} Folsom for which I return you my hearty thanks.

I inclose you a Copy of a return of what Stores there are now in the Commissioners hands and what they have deliver'd out to the Brigade.

The Brigade is not yet completed: But I expect there is a sufficient quantity of ammunition on hand to furnish it. Had all the powder here in Store proved good, and fit for use, we might have had a full supply of that article for present use.

As to the quantity of State Stores at Bennington, it is quite out of my power to give you an account of them at present; but refer you to Col. Williams letter(1) which I transmitted to you by Express, & which I hope came safe to hand.

I purpose to set out for Manchester to morrow and after I arrive there I will forward you an acc^{t} of what supplies can be got there.

I should have gone from here before now, but could not get our Balls run for want of molds.

I rec^{d} nothing new from the Enemy since I wrote to you last; whenever any thing comes to hand worth communicating I will forward it to you with all speed. I would have sent you an acc^{t} of the strength of the Brigade, was it in my power, but cannot, because they only arrive in small parties, and as soon as I can compleat a Division, I commonly give them marching orders for to set out for Manchester without delay. After I arrive there, I will obtain a List of the number of men in that department and shall send you an acc^t of the same.

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(1) See *ante* p. 648.—ED.

I have order'd one Company to tarry here to guard the State Stores, and two Companys I have station'd on the height of land between this place and Otter Creek for the security of the Inhabitants.

As there are no spirits to be had at our Station I would esteem it a favour, if you would order the Stores that are at this place, to be forwarded to that place, & set a price upon the same; more will be wanted.

I am, with regard, your most $obed^t$ $huml^e$ $serv^t$,

JOHN STARK, B^d G.

N. B. Sealing Wax & Paper is much wanted.

Return of Stores at Charlestown.

An Acc^t of the State Stores now in the Custody of the following persons in this Town.

Col^o Samuel Hunt has now on hand:
13 Barrels of Powder,
7 sheets of lead or pieces,
100 Flints.

Commissary Grout has on hand the following articles:
11 Bbls. of powder, 9 of which are condemned.
about 34 Bushels of Salt.

Mr. White has on hand also
5 Hogsheads of rum,
5 Barrels of Sugar,
2 Do. Do.

Commissary Grout has dealt out to my Brigade
509 Pounds of Powder,
710 Do. Balls & Lead.

Letter from the Committee of Safety to Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 321.]

(Extract)

State of New Hampshire—In Committee of Safety, Aug^t 2^d 1777.

SIR—

"We have not been able to procure any Kettles, but shall try every probable method to procure some. A man is gone into the $Mass^a$ State to day to look out where we heard there was some tin—if any is purchased they will be forwarded imediately. Rum is not to be bought in this State; there are five or six Barrels in store which will be Sent along very soon. Any thing in the power of this Committee for the comfort or convenience of the men will be attended to, tho' the difficulty of the times is such many things that are necessary for them cannot be procured. We have certain intelligence that Gen. Howe has sail'd from N. York with a Fleet of 170 sail, and it is said 10,000 troops; but his destination not known; ¼ of the Militia in this part of the State are drafted & to march at a minutes warning when, & to where they may land, if in New England. The Committee are of opinion the fixing the Cannon on Carriages at No. 4, will be expedient & desire you will give orders to have it done."

Gen. Stark.

Resolves and order of Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 330.]

In Congress, August 4, 1777.

Congress took into consideration the letter from General Washington, wherein he wishes to be excused from making the appointment of an officer to command the Northern Army, & thereupon Congress proceeded to the Election of an officer, & the ballots being taken,

Major General Gates was elected to that command by the votes of eleven States.

Resolved, That General Washington be informed of the appointment & that he be directed to order General Gates to repair with all possible expedition to the Northern department to relieve Major General Schuyler.

Ordered, That the remainder of the letter from General Washington be referred to the Committee on the Northern Department.

August 5, 1777.

The Committee on the Northern Department to whom General Washington's letter was referred, brought in a Report which was taken into consideration. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Commanding officers of the Northern Department be directed to apply to the Executive Powers of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania for such a number of their respective militia as he shall judge sufficient to reinforce the army under his command: That Such militia be entitled to Continental pay & rations, & be continued in service to the last day of November next, unless sooner relieved by Continental troops or discharged: And that it be earnestly recommended to the Executive Powers of the said States, to exert their most vigorous efforts, in complying with the requisition of the said commanding officer, without delay, that a speedy & effectual stop may be put to the progress of the Enemy in that quarter. By order of Congress,

John Hancock, Presid^t

New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 327.]

A Letter from Jon^a Gove, a prisoner in Exeter Goal, dated Aug. 4, 1777, vindicating himself against the charge of counterfeiting, and of being inimical to his country.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 331.]

A Letter from John Stevens, of Concord, (1) a prisoner in Exeter Goal, dated Aug. 5, 1777; in which he says: "From the want of that air & exercise which I have been usually accustomed to, I have contracted so ill an habit of body & thereby brought into so relax'd a state as is to me alarming. I therefore humbly beg leave to address myself to your honors humanity & humbly pray that I may be permitted (upon giving bonds) to ride within the limits of the Town of Exeter without constraint, as the only means now left of restoring my shatter'd & broken Constitution."

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(1) See Hist. of Concord, pp. 272, 563-4.—Ed.

Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 333.]

Letter to New York Council of Safety, Aug. 5, 1777, relating to the loss of Ticonderoga, and General Stark's movement.

Letter from General Gates to the New Hampshire Assembly, asking for troops.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 339.]

Philadelphia, August 6, 1777.

SIR—I am directed by the most Honorable the Congress of the United States to apply to the Executive Power of the State of New Hampshire for a reinforcement of seven hundred and fifty militia, to be immediately sent to the Head Quarters of the Northern Army. The critical situation of public affairs renders it unnecessary for me to urge your patriotic State to the most expeditious compliance with this Requisition. I hope it will be sufficient to say, That the Northern Army, if timely reinforced, may, by the blessing of Divine Providence, obtain a Victory over our implacable Enemies, and prevent that ravage and misery, with the horror of which they vainly hope to awe the Eastern States into unconditional submission.

Confident, Sir, of your zeal and attachment to the common cause, I rest satisfied of your exerting your best Endeavours to serve your devoted country.

With great respect, I have the honor to be
Your Obed^t^, hum^le^ serv^t^,
HORATIO GATES.

The Hon^bl^ Presid^t^ of the
Assembly of the State of New Hampshire.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 341.]

Letter from Hon. John Hancock, Aug. 6, 1777, urging the General assembly of New Hampshire, to comply with Gen. Gates requisition and to forward men.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 343.]

Order of Gen. John Stark, dated Brumly, Aug 6, 1777, to Col. Hunt of Charlestown, "to mount the cannon at No. 4, immediately; to forward all the rum and sugar there belonging to the State, and get all the cannon from Walpole brought up to No. 4, and fix them on Carriages."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 17.]

[On receiving this order Col. Hunt sends word to the Council of Safety in Exeter, Aug. 7th, 1777,] "That so many of the Inhabitants of this County are now abroad in the service, that it is extremely difficult to hire workmen; nor do I know where it is possible to procure iron, nor can timber that is seasoned and proper for that business be handily got." [Consequently the mounting of the cannon was postponed.—Ed.]

General Burgoyne's Orders to the Inhabitants of Castleton, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 199.]

By Lieut. Gen^l John Burgoyne, Commanding an Army & Fleet of Great Britain, against the Revolted Provinces in America:

To the Inhabitants of Castleton, Hubberton, Rutland, Tenmouth, Powlet, Wells, Granville, with the neighboring districts;—also the districts bordering on White-creek, Cramden, Cambridge, &c.:

You are hereby directed to send from your several Townships, Deputies consisting of Ten persons or more from each Township to meet Col^o^ Skeene at Castleton on Wens'day, July 15th at Ten in the morning, who will have Instructions, not only to give further Incouragement to those who complied with the terms of my late manifesto, but also to communicate conditions upon which the persons and properties of the disobedient may yet be spared.

This fail not to obey under pain of Military Execution.

Head Quarters at Skeensborough House, July 10th, 1777.

J. Burgoyne.

By order of his Excellency
R^t Kimpton, Sec^y.

Address of General Schuyler to the Inhabitants of Castleton, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 201.]

By Philip Schuyler, Esquire, Major General in the Army of the United States of America & Commander in Chief in the Northern Department:

To the Inhabitants of Castletown, Hubberton, Rutland, Tenmouth, Paulet, Wells, Granville with the neighbouring Districts bordering on White Creek, Cambden, Cambridge, &c. &c.

Whereas, Lieutenant General John Burgoyne commanding an army of the British Troops, Did by a written Paper, by him subscribed, bearing date of Skeenesborough House, on the 10th of July instant, require You to send from your several Townships, Deputations consisting of ten persons or more from Each Township, to meet Colonel Skene at Castle Town on Wednesday July 15th, at ten in the morning, for sundry purposes in said Paper [mentioned] & that you were not to fail in paying Obedience thereto, under pain of military Execution:—Whatever, my Countrymen, may be the ostensible Reasons for such meeting, it is evidently intended by the Enemy, then to prevail on you by threats & promises to forsake the cause of your injured country; to assist them in forcing Slavery on the United States of America, & under the specious pretext of affording you Protection, to bring on you that misery, which their promises of Protection drew on such of the deluded Inhabitants of New Jersey who were weak enough to confide in them, But who soon experienced their fallacy, by being treated indiscriminately with those virtuous citizens, who came forth in Defence of their Country. with the most wanton Barbarity & such as hitherto hath not even disgraced Barbarians. They cruelly butchered without distinction to age or sex; ravished children from ten to women of Eighty years of age; they burnt, pillaged & destroyed whatever was in their power: Nor did those Edifices dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, escape their sacrilegious Fury. Such were the Deeds, such they were incontestibly proved to be, which have mark'd the British Arms with the most indelible stains. But they, having by the blessing of Divine Providence on our Arms, been obliged totally to abandon that State, they left those that were weak or wicked enough to take Protection under them, to bemoan their Credulity & to cast themselves on the mercy of their injured Countrymen. Such will be your Fate, if you lend a willing ear to their Promises, which I trust none of you will do. But lest any of you should so far forget the Duty you owe to your Country, as to join with, or in any Manner of way assist or give comfort to, or hold correspondence with, or take Protections from the Enemy: Be it known to each & every one of you,—the Inhabitants of said Townships, or any other the Inhabitants of the United States, that you will be considered & dealt with as Traitors to said States, and that the Laws thereof will be put in Execution, against every person so offending, with the utmost Rigor. And I do hereby strictly enjoin & command all Officers civil & military to apprehend or cause to be apprehended all such offenders. And I do further strictly enjoin & command such of the Militia of said Townships, as have not yet marched, to do so without Delay, to join the army under my command or some Detachment thereof.

Given under my hand at Head Quarters, Fort Edward, July 13th, 1777. PH: SCHUYLER.

By the General's Command
Henry B. Livingston, A. D. C.

Letter from Ex-Govr John Wentworth to his father.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 323.]

(Extract.) Flatbush on Long Island, 3d Augt 1777.

DEAR SIR—"I wrote you the 15th July—lest any accident should prevent that letter, I avail myself of this opportunity by Mr. Fanning, a Captive officer belonging to Connecticut, who has obtained permission to return to New England for one month, and has promised me his care safely to convey this to you. The purport of my former letter—[is recapitulated. See *ante*.].

"Mr. Woodbury Langdon promised Mr. Fisher his assistance to expedite the children from Portsmouth, &c. but on his arrival & soliciting permission to pass into New England, he has been arrested and is now (an enlarged) prisoner, restricted to the City of New York, & it is generally tho't may expect to meet whatever Colo Holland of Londonderry experiences.

"Mr. Fisher, Mr. Rindge, Trall, Boyd & Thompson were all well 5th to 8th May last. Capt. Cochran and the other Gentlemen of New Hampshire are all perfectly well."

Your most perfectly obliged & dutiful & affect son,
J' WENTWORTH.

Letter from General Washington, relating to army regulations, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VII. p. 325.]

Philadelphia, August 4th 1777.

Sir—The great expense and loss of time that has attended the recruiting service in most of the States and the little advantage derived from it has induced Congress to recommend the Executive Power of each to adopt certain new Regulations for promoting this important and essential business, and for taking it entirely out of the hands of the officers of the Army. The Resolve on this Subject and the Regulations recommended, passed on the 31st ulto and will I presume be transmitted you by the President.

I will not urge the expediency of carrying this proceeding into immediate execution. I shall only observe, the necessity is obvious, and it demands our most active attention.

The principal cause of my troubling you at this time, is to request that after the persons recommended are appointed in your State, you will be pleased to transmit me their names, their places of residence and those designed for the Rendezvous of Recruits & Deserters. As soon as I am advised upon those subjects, I shall recall all the officers who are recruiting and order them forthwith to join their respective corps. Before I conclude, I would beg leave to mention that the success of this interesting business in all its parts will depend much upon a judicious choice of those who are to be employed in it, and that I think the districts should not be too large & extensive.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Sir—yr most obedt Servt
Geo Washington.

Honbl Council,
State of N. Hampshire.

Proclamation *by General Burgoyne (1).*

[See Coll. Vermont Hist. Soc. Vol. I. pp. 163–165.]

A Proclamation by John Burgoyne, Esq. Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Armies in America, Colonel of the Queen's regiment of light dragoons, Governor of Fort William in North Britain, one of the Representatives of the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament, and commanding an army and fleet on an expedition from Canada, &c. &c. &c.

The forces entrusted to my command are designed to act in concert and upon a common principle, with the numerous armies and fleets which already display in every quarter of America, the power, the justice, and, when properly sought, the mercy of the king.

The cause, in which the British arms are thus exerted, applies to the most affecting interests of the human heart; and the military servants of the crown, at first called forth for the sole purpose of restoring the rights of the constitution, now combine with love of their country, and duty to their sovereign, the other extensive incitements which spring from a due sense of the General privileges of mankind. To the eyes and ears of the temperate part of the public, and to the hearts of suffering thousands in the provinces, be the melancholy appeal, whether the present unnatural rebellion has not been made a foundation for the completest system of tyranny that ever God, in his displeasure, suffered for a time to be exercised over a froward and stubborn generation.

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(1) The date of this instrument seems not to be exactly ascertained. It is given by Williams, in his history of Vermont, July 4; by others July 2, and others still June 29, 1777. The latter appears most probable—"Camp at Putnam Creek, June 29, 1777."—Ed.

Arbitrary imprisonment, confiscation of property, persecution and torture, unprecedented in the inquisitions of the Romish Church, are among the palpable enormities that verify the affirmative. These are inflicted by assemblies and committees, who dare to profess themselves friends to liberty, upon the most quiet subjects, without distinction of age or sex, for the sole crime, often for the sole suspicion, of having adhered in principle to the government under which they were born, and to which, by every tie, divine and human, they owe allegiance. To consummate these shocking proceedings, the profanation of religion is added to the most profligate prostitution of common reason; the consciences of men are set at naught; and multitudes are compelled not only to bear arms, but also to swear subjection to an usurpation they abhor.

Animated by these considerations, at the head of troops in the full powers of health. discipline and valor; determined to strike where necessary, and anxious to spare where possible, I by these presents, invite and exhort all persons, in all places where the progress of this army may point,—and by the blessing of God, I will extend it far,—to maintain such a conduct as may justify me in protecting their lands, habitations and families. The intention of this address is to hold forth security, not depredation to the country. To those whom spirit and principle may induce to partake of the glorious task of redeeming their countrymen from dungeons, and re-establishing the blessings of legal government, I offer encouragement and employment; and upon the first intelligence of their associations, I will find means to assist their undertakings. The domestic, the industrious, the infirm and even the timid inhabitants, I am desirous to protect, provided they remain quietly at their houses; that they do not suffer their cattle to be removed, nor their corn or forage to be secreted or destroyed; that they do not break up their bridges or roads; nor by any other act, directly or indirectly, endeavour to obstruct the operation of the king's troops, or supply or assist those of the enemy. Every species of provision brought to my camp, will be paid for at an equitable rate, in solid coin.

In consciousness of christianity, my royal master's clemency, and the honor of soldiership, I have dwelt upon this invitation, and wished for more persuasive terms to give it impression: And let not people be led to disregard it, by considering their distance from the immediate situation of my camp, I have but to give stretch to the Indian forces under my direction, and they amount to thousands, to overtake the hardened enemies of G. Britain and America: I consider them the same wherever they may lurk.

If, notwithstanding these endeavors, and sincere inclinations to effect them, the phrensy of hostility should remain, I trust I shall stand acquitted in the eyes of God and men, in denouncing and executing the vengeance of the State against the wilful outcasts. The messengers of justice and of wrath await them in the field; and devastation, famine, and every concomitant horror that a reluctant but indispensable prosecution of military duty must occasion, will bar the way to their return.

J. BURGOYNE,

By order of his Excellency the Lieut. General.

Robt. Kingston, Secy.

Camp near Ticonderoga, 4th July, 1777.

Letters, &c., relating to Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 23.]

Bennington, August 8, 1777.

Dear GENERAL—

Yesterday General Stark from New Hampshire, came into Camp at Manchester. By his Instructions from that State, it is at his option to act in conjunction with the Continental Army or not. He seems to be exceedingly soured & thinks he hath not had justice done him by Congress. He is determined not to join the Continental army until the Congress give him his rank therein; his claim is to command all the officers he commanded last year, as also all those who joined the army after him. Whether he will march his troops to *Stillwater* or not I am quite at a loss to know. But if he doth, it is a fixed point with him to act there only as a separate corps & take no orders from any officer in the Northern department, saving your Honor; for he saith they all were *either commanded by him the last year or joined the army after him.* It is very unhappy that this matter by him is carried to so great a length, especially at a time when every exertion for our common safety is so absolutely necessary. I have good reason to believe, if the State of New Hampshire were informed of the matter they would give new & very different instructions to Gen. Starks.

The Troops from the Massachusetts are collecting here: I don't know what number may be expected, I suppose the rear will be up to-morrow night at farthest.

I am, Dear Sir, with regard & esteem
Your most obedt & humbl Servt
B. LINCOLN.

The Hon. Majr Gen. Schuyler, &c.
(a Copy) Chas' Thomson Secy.

Instructions from Committee of Safety to Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 37.]

Augst 12th 1777.

SIR—I recd yours of the 7th Inst. (1) this morning & laid it before the Committee, who are much distress'd least misunderstandings, distrusts, & disputes among ourselves should ruin the country. Your directions from the Committee were in a considerable degree left discretionary to yourself & must still remain so; altho' they expect you will at this crisis, at this time when our enemies are making their greatest exertions, and penetrating into the country, exert yourself to oppose them in the best manner you can, and act in conjunction with any troops in harrassing the Enemy,—of which they have the greatest dependance from your character for courage and firmness,—and have no doubt but you with the advice of your officers, will act in such a manner as shall appear prudent & careful for the general concern; and that the result will be honorable to yourself & the State you belong to. The greatest pains has been taken to get Tin Kettles, 25 have been procured and sent off 3 days ago, which I hope you will receive as as soon as this: a person is gone to Boston some days past after more, which if possible to be procured will be forwarded.

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(1) This letter of Gen. Stark has not been found.—ED.

Printed Rules & articles for governing the Continental Troops, which are to be the rule for yours, I send by this opportunity, also the Commissions you wrote for.

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Gen. Stark.

In Congress, August 19, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 69.]

Resolved, That a Copy of General Lincoln's letter be forthwith transmitted to the Council of New Hampshire, and that they be informed that the Instructions which Gen Stark says he has received from them, are destructive of military subordination and highly prejudicial to the common cause at this crisis; and therefore that they be desired to instruct General Stark to conform himself to the same rules which other General Officers of the militia are subject to, whenever they are called out at the expense of the United States.

(Extract from the Minutes)

Cha^s Thomson, Sec.

By order of Congress—John Hancock, Pres^t.

Letter from our Delegates in Congress, relative to Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 79.]

(Extract) Philadelphia, August 22^d, 1777.

Sir—" The inclosed is a copy of General Lincoln's letter to General Schuyler and the Resolution of Congress on receiving it, which was the 19th Instant. Some of the southern Gentlemen made themselves very warm on the occasion, threw out many illiberal reflections on General Stark, and some on the Legislative authority of the State of New Hampshire—which made your delegates sit very uneasy in their chairs even to give them time to go through—but in our turn we informed Congress that we had no information from the State of New Hampshire to inform us what the reasons were that induced them to give such orders to General Stark; but that we had Rec^d a letter from the Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett, a member of the Council of that State and lately a member of Congress, which had given us some of their reasons, and were such in our opinion as were conclusive, and would justify the conduct of that State in the eyes of the whole world: That, in the first place, the Militia of that State had lost all confidence in the

General Officers who had the command at Tyconderoga when it was evacuated and given up to our enemies; that they would not turn out nor be commanded by such officers; that the preservation of the lives of the inhabitants on our frontiers and the cause in which we were all engaged made such orders at that critical time absolutely necessary; that we were not about to justify General Stark for making a demand of rank in the army at that critical time, but we well knew he had a great deal to say for himself on that head, and that he had been in almost all the engagements to the northward, and distinguished himself, while others were advanced over his head. Yesterday a motion was made by Maryland and seconded that a Resolve of Congress might be passed to censure his conduct in refusing to submit to the Rules and Regulations of the Army; on which a large debate ensued, in which we were supported by all the New England Delegates and Some of the Virginians: On motion being made, it was agreed it should lie on the table and carried by a grate majority. We inform'd Congress that a motion of that sort came with a very bad grace from Maryland who, only, of the thirteen United States had seen fit to make laws directly in opposition to Congress by refusing that their militia should be subjected to the rules & regulations of the army when joynd; And we informed Congress that we had not the least doubt but the first battle they heard of from the North would be fought by Stark and the troops commanded by him * * * * and that I should not be afraid to risque my honor nor my life, they would do as much towards the defence of that part of the country and the common cause, as the same number of any of the troops in that department.

"I will leave you, Sir, to judge of our feelings, when the very next day we had a confirmation of what we had asserted by an express from General Schuyler giving an Account of the victory obtained by General Stark and the troops under his command. We believe this circumstance only will make those easy who have been trying to raise a dust in Congress."

We are, with the greatest respect, Sir,
Y^r most obed^t. Humb^l serv^ts.

NATH^l FOLSOM
GEO: FROST.

Copy of General Burgoyne's Instructions to Col. Baum.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 25.]

The object of your expedition is to try the affections of the country, to disconcert the councils of the enemy, to mount the Rudesel's dragoons, to compleat Peter's corps, and to obtain large supplies of cattle, horses and carriages. The several corps, of which the inclosed is a list, are to be under your command.

The troops must take no tents, and what little baggage is carried by officers must be on their own bat-horses (1).

You are to proceed from Batten Kill to Arlington & to take post there, till the detachment of Provincials under y^e command of Capt.

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(1) "*Bat-horse*"—A horse allowed a batman in the British army for conveying the utensils in his charge. "*Batman*"—A person in the British army who has charge of the cooking utensils.—*Web. Dict.*—ED.

Sherwood shall join you from the Southward. You are then to proceed to Manchester, where you will again take port, so as to secure the passes of the mountains on the road from Manchester to Rockingham; from thence you will detach the Indians and light troops to the northward toward Otter Creek; on their return and also receiving intelligence that no enemy is in force upon the Connecticut river, you will proceed by the road over the mountains to Rockingham, where you will take post. This will be the most distant part on the expedition, and must be proceeded upon with caution as you will have the defile of the mountains behind you which might make a retreat difficult: You must therefore endeavour to be well informed of the force of the enemy's militia in the neighbouring country. Should you find it may be effected you are to remain there while the Indians and light troops are detached up the river, and you are afterwards to descend the river to Brattleburg, and from that place by the quickest march you are to return by the great road to Albany.

During your whole progress, your detachments are to have orders to bring in to you all horses fit to mount the dragoons under your command, or to serve as bat-horses to the troops, together with as many saddles and bridles as can be found. The number of horses requisite besides those necessary for mounting the regiment of dragoons, ought to be thirteen hundred. If you can bring more for the use of the Army, it will be so much the better. Your parties are likewise to bring in waggons and other convenient carriages with as many draught oxen as will be necessary to draw them, and all cattle fit for slaughter (milch cows excepted) which are to be left for the use of the inhabitants. Regular receipts in the form hereto subjoined are to be given in all places where any of the above mention'd articles are taken, to such persons as have remained in their habitations and otherwise complyed with the terms of Gen^{l} Burgoyne's manifesto: but no receipt to be given to such as are known to be acting in the service of the rebels. As you will have persons with you perfectly acquainted with the abilities of the country, it may perhaps be advisable to tax the several districts with the proportions of the several articles and limit the hours of the delivery: and should you find it necessary to move before such delivery can be made, hostages of the most respectable people should be taken to secure their following you the ensuing day. All possible means are to be used to prevent plundering.

As it is probable that Capt. Sherwood who is already detached to the southward, and will join you at Arlington, will drive in a considerable quantity of cattle and horses to you, you will therefore send in his cattle to the army with a proper detachment from Peters' corps to cover them, in order to disencumber yourself; but you must always keep the regiment of dragoons compact. The dragoons themselves must aid, and take care of the horses of the regiment. Those horses which are destined for the use of the army must be tyed together by Strings of ten each in order that one man may lead ten of them. You will give the unarmed men of Peter's corps to conduct them and inhabitants whom you can trust. You must always take your camps in good positions, but at the same time where there is pasture; and you must have a chain of centinels around your cattle and horses when grazing. Colonel Skene (1) will be with you as much as possible, in order to assist you with his advice, to help you to distinguish the good Subject from the bad, to procure you the best intelligence of the Enemy, and to choose those people who are to bring me the accounts of your progress and success.

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(1) Col. Skene was a tory.—ED.

When you find it necessary to halt for a day or two you must always intrench the camp of the regiment of dragoons, in order never to risque an attack or affront from the enemy. As you will return with the regiment of dragoons mounted, you must always have a detachment of Capt. Fraser's or Peter's Corps in front of the column, and the same in the rear, in order to prevent falling into an ambuscade when you march through the woods. You will use all possible means to make the country believe that the troops under your command are the advanced corps of the army, and that it is intended to pass the Connecticut river on the road to Boston. You will likewise insinuate that the main army from Albany is to be join'd at Springfield by a corps of troops from Rhode Island.

It is highly probable that the corps under Mr. Warner now supposed to be at Manchester will retreat before you; but should they, contrary to expectation, be able to collect in great force and post themselves advantageously, it is left to your discretion to attack them or not, always bearing in mind that your corps is too valuable to let any considerable loss be hazarded on this occasion.

Should any corps be moved from Mr. Arnold's main army in order to interrupt your retreat you are to take as strong a post as the country will afford and send the quickest intelligence to me, and you may depend on my making such a movement as shall put the enemy between two fires, or otherwise effectually sustain you.

It is imagined the progress of the whole of this expedition may be effected in about a fortnight, but every movement of it must depend upon your success in obtaining such supply of provisions as will enable you to subsist, for your return to the army, in case you can get no more, and should not the army be able to reach Albany before your expedition should be compleated, I will find means to send you notice of it, and give your route another direction.

All persons acting in Committees or any officers under the direction of the Congress either civil or military are to be made prisoners.

I heartily wish you success, and have the
honor to be, Sir, your most obed^{t} Serv^{t},
J. BURGOYNE, Lt. Gen^{l}.

Head Q^{r}. (1) Aug^{t}. 9th, '77.

Letter from Maj. Jon^{a} Hale to Col. Israel Morey.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 21.]

(Extract) Newbury, Aug^{t} 11, 1777.

SIR—"Last night an Express arrived to Gen^{l} Bayley for one half the militia of Col. Olcott's Regiment, which Express I have sent you by the bearer. It is Gen^{l} Bayley's opinion that although there has no Express arrived as yet to our Regiment as we know off, yet it is the indispensable Duty of our Regiment as many as possibly can to turn out volunteers, as there seems to be an opening for us to gain some advantage of our Enemy, if we exert ourselves. I doubt not but a considerable number of our people would turn out if you should think it advisable, and if Majr Child would go as their leader."

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(1) Burgoyne's head-quarters at this time was at fort Edward.—ED.

Sir, your Servt
JONa HALE.

Letter from persons in the Army, belonging to New Ipswich.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 31.]

(Extract.) Stillwater, August 11th. 1777.

To the Committee of Safety
for the Town of New Ipswich

GENTLEMEN—" We the subscribers who are ingaged in the actual service of United States of America, and the service of the township of New Ipswich in particular, beg leave to acquaint said town something of the treatment and usage we have and still receive with regard to our living, while we are jeoparding our Lives in the defence of their just rights and priviledges, against the haughty insults of our unnatural foes and the barbarous savages of the wilderness.

" As to provisions indeed we receive some part of our Ration such as beef and flour, without any kind of sause save only once in a while a trifle of Pease, and that but only seldom. We ever supposed that commissarys were to have been appointed and stores provided, such as sugar or molasses, cheese, chocolate, and divers other articles necessary which the Congress appointed, and allow'd to be provided, should have been sent forward for the use of the New Hampshire troops and delivered out or sold for the prime cost, or at least allowance only to be made for transporting; but instead of that we have little or nothing sent by the State to be purchased, which obliges us to apply to other State commissarys when we want, and then pay the most extravagant price immaginable when ever we can at all procure any article, which is but seldom: sugar at 3*s* pr pound, Rum of the meanest at 2 Dollars a quart and often 3 Dollars; and every other article equivalent, by which means no man's wages would maintain him to buy the necessarys of life—supposing they were provided by the State, nay, they would do but a small part toward it, much less to maintain his family at home, supposing he have one.

" Clothing is a very material article; but none have ever come to us: the Brigadier Genl of our Brigade borrowed a few frocks & trousers from the Bay Stores,—wast-coats, stockings &c. but we are obliged to pay for them at the highest rate 22/6 lawfull money for a single striped woolen wast-coat without sleeves; 18*s* for a paire mean sole-shoes & 18*s* for a tow-shirt &c. Some of us have lost all the clothing we had, and every other necessary, save only the cloaths on our back taken from us in Battle with the enemy on the 7th day of July past. * * * * We are true and faithful subjects to the State Still, and are ready to defend it at all times, living still in hope of having our grievances redressed. * * * *.

"We hope, Gentlemen, the town will consider our grievance, so far as to endeavor to help us to some method of redress."

(Signed)	Ithamar Wheelock
Levi Adams	Nathaniel Hayes
Ephraim Foster	Eph^{rm} Severance
Moses Farnsworth	Rawlens Coburn
Jonas Adams	Samuel Potter
Silas Gill	Samuel Foster.

The Committee of Safety at New Ipswich, N. Hamp^{r},
To the care of Ln^{t}. Paul Prichard
Pr. fav^{r} Capt. Druery, New Ipswich, N. H.

In Town meeting.

Voted, That our Representative lay this Letter before the General Court and use his Influence that the Court fulfill their obligations to the soldiers of this State.

Attest. Isaac How, Town Clerk.

New Ipswich,
Sept. 10th, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 39.]

Geo. King gives notice to Hon. Meshech Weare (Portsm^{o} Aug. 12, 1777,) that "Mr. Jotham Blanchard of Peterborough, has lately purchased in the Eastern Country a quantity of cattle to the amount of £700" &c. and is "apprehensive that these cattle are intended to feed our enemies."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 43.]

The Committee of Safety, New Hamp^{r} Aug. 14, 1777, ask the aid of the Committee of Safety of Boston, to arrest "Robert Luist Fowle a printer, who has been concerned in counterfeiting" and "by his leaving home in a private manner & carrying his cloaths with him, there is no doubt but that he meant to abscond."

Vermont Council of Safety to Col. Marsh.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 41.]

(Extract) Bennington, 13th Aug^{t} 1777.

Dear Col^{o}—

"These are in the most positive terms to requiar you without a moments loss of time to march one half of the Regiment under your command to this place.

"Whilst I am writing this, we are informed by Express that a large Body of the Enemy's troops were discovered two hours ago in St. *Koik?* 12 miles from this place and another body at Cambridge about 18 miles from this; that they march boldly in the Road, and there will doubtless be an attack at or near this place within 24 hours. We have the assistance of Maj. General Stark with his Brigade; you will hurry what Rangers forward are recruited with all speed. Now is the time.

Sir, I am your Humb. Serv^{t}

Jonas Fay, Vice Presid^{t}

Col^{o} Marsh.

(Sent also by Express to Gen^{l} Bailey)

Letter from Bennington, relating to Gen. Stark's first engagement there with British troops.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 53.]

In Council of Safety,
Bennington, 16th Augst 1777.

GENTLEMEN—

Brigr General Starks from the State of New Hampshire with his Brigade, together wth the Militia & Companies of Rangers raised by this State with part of Colo Symonds Regiment of the militia, are now in action with a number of the Enemies Troops assembled near this place, which has been for some time very severe: We have now in possession (taken from them this day) four Brass field pieces, Ordinance Stores &c.

And this moment four or five hundred Prisoners have arrived; we have taken the ground altho' fortified by Intrenchments &c. but after being drove about one mile and the Enemy being reinforced made a second stand & still continue the action; the loss on each side is doubtless considerable, but the numbers cannot ascertain.

You are therefore in the most pressing terms requested by Genl Starks & this Council to forward the whole of the Militia under your several commands to this place without one minutes loss of time : they will proceed on horse-back with all the ammunition that can be provided conveniently; on our present exertion depends the fate of thousands.

I am, Gent yr most obdt Hhbl Servt.

JONAS FAY, Vice Presidt.

To the Gent nearest commanding Regts in ye States.

Compliments of General Stark, with trophies of War, as presents.

[No date.]

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 55.]

General Stark presents his most respectful Compliments to the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire, & begs their Acceptance of a Hessian Dragoon Sword, Drum, Gun, Cartridge Box, Bayonet & Grenadier Cap:—The trophies of the Memorable Battle fought by their Militia in conjunction with the Militia of the State of Vermont & Massachusetts Bay on the 16th August 1777, at Walloomscook, & desires they may be deposited in the State in memory of that glorious victory given them by the Divine Being who overpowers & Rules all things.

Superscribed—" To Public service—
The Hon'ble Meshech Weare
President of the Council
State of N. Hre."

Letter from Gen. Stark, giving his account of the battle on the 16th August.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 63.]

(Copy) Bennington, August 18th, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—I congratulate you on the late success of your Troops under my command; by express I purpose to give you a brief account of my proceedings since I wrote to you last.

I left Manchester on Sunday the 8th Inst. and arrived here the 9th. The 13th I was inform'd that a party of Indians were at Cambridge which is 12 miles distant from this place on their march thither. I detach'd Col° Gregg(1) with 200 men under his command to stop their march. In the evening I had information by express that there was a large body of the enemy on their way with their field pieces, in order to march through the country, commanded by Govern^{r} Skene. The 14th I marched with my Brigade & a few of this States' Militia, to oppose them, and to cover Gregg's retreat, who found himself unable to withstand their superior numbers: About four miles from the Town. I accordingly met him on his return, and the Enemy in close pursuit of him, within half a mile of his rear; but when they discovered me they presently halted on a very advantageous peice of ground. I drew up my little army on an emininee in open view of their encampments, but could not bring them to an engagement. I marched back about a mile, and there encamp'd. I sent out a few men to skirmish with them, kill'd thirty of them with two Indian Chiefs. The 15th it rain'd all day; I sent out parties to harass them.

The 16th I was join'd by this States' Militia and those of Berkshire County; I divided my army into three Divisions, and sent Col. Nichols(2) with 250 men on their rear of their left wing; Col° Hendrick in the Rear of their right, with 300 men, order'd when join'd to attack the same.

In the mean time I sent 300 men to oppose the Enemy's front, to draw their attention that way; Soon after I detach'd the Colonels Hubbart(3) & Stickney(4) on their right wing with 200 men to attack that part, all which plans had their desired effect. Col° Nichols sent me word that he stood in need of a reinforcement, which I readily granted, consisting of 100 men, at which time he commenced the attack precisely at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, which was followed by all the rest. I pushed forward the remainder with all speed; *our people behaved with the greatest spirit & bravery imaginable: Had they been Alexanders or Charleses of Sweden, they could not have behaved better.* The action lasted two hours, at the expiration of which time, we forced their Breastworks at the muzzles of their guns, took two pieces of Brass cannon, with a number of prisoners;—but before I could get them into proper form again, I rec^{d} intelligence that there was a large reinforcement within two miles of us on their march, which occasion'd us to renew our attack. But luckily for us Col° Warner's Regiment came up, which put a stop to their career. We soon rallied, & in a few minutes the action became very warm & desperate, which lasted till night; we used their own cannon against them, which prov'd of great service to us. At Sunset we obliged them to retreat a second time; we pursued them till dark, when I was obliged to halt for fear of killing my own men. We recovered two pieces more of their cannon, together with all their Baggage, a number of horses, carriages &c. kill'd upwards of two hundred of the enemy in the field of Battle, the number of the wounded is not yet known as they are scattered about in many places.

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(1) Col. WILLIAM GREGG was born at Londonderry, 21 Oct., 1730. He died in that town, 16 September, 1824, in the 94th year of his age.—ED.

(2) Col. MOSES NICHOLS was of Amherst, where he died 23 May, 1790, aged 50 years. He was appointed Colonel of the 6th Regiment of N. H. militia, 6 December, 1776; held many important offices in the town, county, and state. In profession he was a physician.—ED.

(3) Dr. Belknap in his history calls this name "*Hubbard*," which has occasioned much perplexity. It should be written *Hobart*. See note p. 32. Col. David Hobart was of Plymouth, N. H., and was at this time in command of the 12th Regiment of N. H. militia. He was originally from Hollis. He fought with great bravery in this battle, and received due credit from his General. Hon. Chandler E. Potter (in Adj. Gen. Report, Vol. II. 1866, p. 320), says,—"He, with Stickney, led the detachment against the tory breastworks, where there was the most desperate fighting. The tories expected no quarter, and gave none, fighting to the last like tigers. They were completely surrounded within their fortification, and the work of death was finished with bayonets and clubbed muskets. Hobart and Stickney saw the work thoroughly done. Stark had ordered the men, as they passed through a corn-field, to put a husk of corn on each one's hat. This precaution was a great benefit. As the tories were dressed like themselves in their "working clothes," the corn husk under the hat-band served to distinguish friends from foes, and a man without a husk in his hat was sure to be visited by a bayonet or the breech of a musket. After the war, Col. Hobart moved to Haverhill, Mass., where he died."

(4) Col. Thomas Stickney was of Concord, N. H., colonel of the 11th regiment of militia. He was a son of Jeremiah Stickney, Esq. He died in Concord, January 26, 1809, in the 80th year of his age. [See Bouton's Hist. of Concord, pp. 274-276.]—ED.

I have 1 Lieut. Col° since dead, 1 major, 7 Captains, 14 Lieut^{s} 4 Ensigns, 2 Cornets, 1 Judge advocate, 1 Barron, 2 Cannadian officers, 6 sergeants, 1 Aid-de-camp & seven hundred prisoners;—I almost forgot 1 Hessian Chaplain. I enclose you a copy of General Burgoyne's Instructions to Col° Baum, who commanded the detachment that engaged us. Our wounded are 42; ten privates & four officers belonging to my Brigade is dead. The dead & wounded in the other Corps I do not know, as they have not brought in the returns as yet.

I am Gentlemen, with the greatest regard & respect,
Your most obedient, Hum^{le} serv^{t}

[JOHN STARK].

I almost forgot 3 Hessian surgeons.

N. B. I have sent you by the Post, Josiah Crosby, one hundred seventy four Dollars & two thirds, of Hampshire currency, which I had to give Contin^{l} for to my men, as there is scarce any other will pass here.

Gentlemen—I think we have return'd the enemy a proper Complim^{t} in the above action, for the Hubbart-town engagement.(1)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 67.]

A letter from Col. Israel Morey and Maj^{r} Jona. Child, to Hon. Meshech Weare, says, "In consequence of a request from the commanding officer of the Northern Department of Vermont—we directed the several companies [of militia] to be called together in order for volunteers. The men turned out beyond our expectation to the number of about seventy. Maj. Child is to march with them."

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(1) In a letter to General Gates, dated August 22, 1777, Gen. Stark gives an account of the battle very similar to the foregoing. See the letter in Coll. Vermont Hist. Soc. Vol. I. pp. 206, 207.—ED.

Letter from Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 71.]

Bennington, Aug^st^ 19, 1777.

GENTLEMEN—This moment as the post was about taking his leave, I received a letter from Gen^l^. Gates who is arrived in Albany, & has the command of our troops there, instead of the Generals Schuyler & Sinclair, both of whom are sent for, to make their appearance at Head Quarters.

I am, Gentlemen, your Humb^l^. Serv^t^,
JOHN STARK.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 75.]

A letter from Col. Nathaniel Peabody dated Boston, Aug. 21, 1777, relating to the State of the southern army, an inquiry into the surrender of Ticonderoga, the escape of Luist Fowle from prison, the tories &c.

Order of Committee of Safety, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 83.]

State of New Hamp^r^ } In Committee of Safety,
Aug^st^ 23^d^. 1777.

To—

GENT^n^—You are appointed and desired immediately to repair to Bennington, and do every thing in your power to assist the sick and wounded men of General Stark's Brigade of Militia of this State, and to consult with and advise General Stark with respect to any further operations, and to procure an exact Account of the late action of Gen. Stark's with the Brittish troops: and you are Empowered to do and transact any matters and things with Respect to said Brigade that you may think necessary.

To Col. Josiah Bartlett &
Col^o^ Nath^l^ Peabody.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 91.]

A letter from Gen. Benj^a^ Lincoln of Mass. dated Bennington, Aug. 25, 1777, to the "Council of New Hampshire," requesting that more militia may be forwarded, to take the place of those whose term of service will soon be out. He also says, "On the 24^th^ I received an order from Gen. Gates in the words following: "General Gates desires "Gen. Lincoln will send a letter to the State of New Hampshire to "have Colonel Hale immediately apprehended, and brought prisoner "to Albany, to answer an accusation of high treason exhibited against "him." (1)

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(1) Col. Nathan Hale was of Rindge. On the retreat of our army from Ticonderoga he was ordered to cover the rear of the invalids, by which means he fell seven miles behind the main body. The next morning he was attacked by an advanced party of the enemy at Hubbardton, and, with other officers and 100 men, was taken prisoner. See Belk. Hist. 1777.—ED.

"I must, Gentlemen, intreat your aid in this matter and that Colonel Hale may be sent to Albany agreeable to the above request."

[NOTE. On the 4th of Sept. the Committee of Safety ordered the arrest of Col. Hale.—ED.]

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 93.]

August 26th, 1777.

Mr. John Neally was appointed to enlist a company for Rhode Island, to serve till the first of January next. "If you enlist 34 men you will have a Captain's Commission; If 22 men a Lieutenant's Commission: If 16 men an Ensigns Commission."

Resolves of Congress in relation to Quakers &c.

In Congress, August 28, 1777.

Whereas there is strong reason to apprehend that a number of persons who profess themselves to belong to the Society of People commonly called Quakers, maintain a Correspondence and connection highly prejudicial to the publick Safety, in the respective States of America:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Executive Powers of the respective States, forthwith to apprehend and secure all persons, as well among the People called Quakers, as others, who have in their general conduct and conversation evidenced a disposition inimical to the Cause of America; and that the Persons so siezed, be confined in such places, and treated in such manner, as shall be consistent with their respective characters and the security of their persons.

That the Records and Papers of the *meetings of Sufferings*, in the respective States, be forthwith secured and carefully examined, and that such parts of them as may be of a political nature, be forthwith transmitted to Congress.

Extract from the Journal

CHA^s^. THOMSON, Sec^y^.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 99.]

General Gates issues notice Aug. 31, 1777, to officers and soldiers belonging to the Army of the Northern department, who are "loitering in Boston, and other towns of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire," that they must return to duty and join the Army by the 25th of September, or take the consequences as deserters.

Letter from our delegates in Congress, relating to various matters of public interest.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 103.]

Philadelphia, Sept 2d, 1777.

DEAR SIR—Genl & Admiral Howe with their fleet arrived in Elk River on the 22d ulto and was, we [are] informed by two intelligent sailors, (one belonging to Boston) deserters from the Admiral's ship, that their fleet consists of 280 sail, five of which is 64 guns, 1 of 50, 1 of 40, three frigates and a number of tenders, such as brigs, sloops & schooners; that the sailors are very sickly with the scurvey, spotted & yellow-fever, and that they lost many of their horses on the passage, that many of them has died since they landed them, by turning them into corn-fields. Y^{e} 25th they began to land their troops—it is uncertain what numbers they have, is supposed to be about 10,000, that many of them has deserted, and those deserters say that all the Hessians will desert if they have an opportunity. The place where they now are is in the midst of their countrymen, and it is said good Whigs.

The Congress has chosen a Committee to collect what evidence they can for the trial of officers at Ticonderoga, as you'll see more at large by the newspapers, and how far the State of New Hampshire is concerned in that collection.

There has been lately a discovery as is supposed a plot by the Quakers in this place against the States, by furnishing our Enemies with intelligence &c. (I fear we shall fail of that proof that is expected) which has in some degree laid the censure on all those people in the United States; and the Congress has passed some Resolves to be sent to the United States in order to apprehend some of those people. I trust our Court will act with their known prudence and caution in that affair.

The Treasury board has not made any report on our request for money, but are daily promising to do it; am still in doubt whether we shall succeed, as the Congress is in want of all our money for the public use: It is greatly wished by Congress that the monied men would supply y^{e} loan office faster, and that all the States would go largely into taxation.

Gen^{l} Washington's head Quarters at present is Wilminton, State of Delaware, about 12 miles from Howe's main army, and 26 miles from this place, has about 14,000 Continental troops, and the Militia is turning out in great bodyes of numbers from all Quarters this way, and in high spirits. We trust (through the goodness of God), we shall be able to repel the force of the enemy.

There is no Commissioners appointed as yet in the Eastern Department to settle the acc^{ts} of those States, except what is relating to the army, but suppose there will be some appointed soon; as we have requested of Congress to appoint such to examine the State of New Hampshire's acc^{t}, it would be no small advantage to your Delegates if we could be honor'd with the Acts or Resolves of our Honor^{bl} Court, so far as relates with our duty we *owe* the State and Court in Congress; we were left to guess the Reasons the State had in giving Gen^{l} Stark his orders as it is said he had, and trust we have given the Congress sufficient reason to justify the State therein, and to prevent any censure on the State in supposing they had any desire in acting in a separate or distinct line, but in conjunction and steady union with the whole United States and for the general welfare of y^{e} same; we sent by Mr. Bass three books of the Journals of Congress which was all he could carry of y^{e} 20 Voted to each State: Shall send the remainder y^{e} first opportunity.

Your most obed^{t} & most Humb^{l} serv^{ts}

NATH^{l} FOLSOM
GEO. FROST.

The Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Esq.
Presid^{t} New Hampshire.

Resolve of Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 105.]

In Congress, September 3d, 1777.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the several States to take effectual measures for importing, or otherwise procuring, during the ensuing winter, such supplies of arms, tents, & other military stores, blankets, clothing, medicines & other necessary articles for their respective militia, as may be wanted for the next campaign; & that they report to Congress the species & quantity of military stores manufactured in their respective States.

Extract from the Minutes

CHAS: THOMSON, Secy.

Petition of William Vance for relief from prison.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 107.]

To the Honbl the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire:

GENTn.

I have been a long time your prisoner, I have suffered exceedingly both in my health & property, And now the fruits of the Earth, which with trouble And the greatest pains are almost ready for harvest, must still fail me (in all appearance) if I am not permitted to return to my family & farm. It has been with the greatest difficulty & trouble that Mrs. Vance has been able to keep the young man who has done my work hitherto till the present; now he has absolutely refused to tarry any longer: And to lose the whole of the latter harvest for want of my assistance is too dreadful to be thought on. I earnestly beseech your Honors to extend your mercy & compassion towards me in this time of my distress; Grant me deliverance from this place of confinement, that I may by the blessing of the God of mercy, be a means of delivering myself and family from cleenness of teeth & want of bread: any Bonds or restriction which your Honors think necessary, I shall endeavor religiously to observe.

I am, Gentlemen, with all due respect, your
Honors most obedt & devote Servt & prisoner,
WILLIAM VANCE.

Exeter,—Goal, Sept. 4, 1777.

Remonstrance against the release of Col. Holland from prison.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 111.]

Londonderry, Sept. ye 5th, 1777.

To the Honbl Committee sitting at Exeter:

From the Committee and Selectmen of this town we are assured there is a petition carried about by Abraham Reid of Windham getting *sin*ners to present to your Honors that Colo Stephen Holond may be admitted to bonds, and so come out of Goal; and we conceive by perswasions have prevailed upon som unwary and unthinkin men to sign their petition; we would therefore let your Honnors know that this town and the well affected in it have no hand in that matter. We further inform your Honnors, that Abraham Reid the carrier of the above petition in his General conversation exclaims against the manigment of the Continent: and further has said that all that had a hand in puting Coll° Holand in Goal, would be hanged.

We would be glad if your Honnors would send us a coppey of the signer names when it comes to your hands, and so we remain your very humb^l Serv^{ts}

By order of the Committee and Select men,

JOHN AIKEN, Chaerman
JOHN MOOR, clark.

To M. Weare, Chaerman.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 113.]

Orders were issued, September 5, to Colonels of the several Regiments, to draft one-sixth part of their respective Reg^{ts} to go to Bennington, under Gen. Stark: to march on the 15th of Sept., and remain in service till the last day of November, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 113.]

Petition to the Committee of Safety, from Doct. John Masters, dated Exeter, Sept. 5, 1777, for release from Goal.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 117.]

Letter from Jere. Clough, Jun., in Exeter Goal, Sept. 6, 1777, to his father, asking aid and advice, saying, "As I am told some of the prisoners belonging to this Goal may be transported if they will appoint a place, and I would be glad to have the same opportunity if I can't get no other Releaf, but should wait for your advice."

Letter from Plymouth, relating to an apprehension and suspicion of Counterfeiters.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 119.]

To the Committee of Safety of the State of New Hampshire:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Safety for the Town of Plymouth being apprehensive that a Combination of Persons disaffected with & inimical to the interest of this & the United States of America were assembled at a certain place for purposes of the most dangerous consequence,—The place and some persons being suspected,—a secret spy was sent out in order to make discovery, who upon return Report: That at & near the house of Brion Sweeney's northerly of Great Squam Pond in the town of Newholderness (a place very remote from any other humane settlement) was discovered sundry persons who by their number & dress did not appear to be the proper Inhabitants of that place, (no man in that family being grown but Sweeney himself.) As we have for a long time suspected that place to be a Den of mischief, we are now more confirmed in our minds that there is secretly mischief a planning & carrying on at & near sa'd Sweeney's, such as counterfeiting money, or some other plan to assist our Enemies and the like. Mr.

Abel Webster, the bearer hereof, being one of the spies who will give further intelligence; As we think it not safe for the publick & especially for the Inhabitants of these parts that the above affair should not be properly looked into, we thought it our duty to give you this information, hoping that you will not fail to give the same proper notice, & pass such order thereon as in the prosecution thereof will effectually secure the publick safety in general against the same, as well as ease the minds of the good people in these parts, in particular.

STEPHEN WEBSTER, Chairman.

In Committee of Safety
Plymouth, September 8th, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 121.]

Letter from Col. Saml Hunt, dated Charlestown, Sept. 8, 1777, relating to the mounting of guns, furnishing arms for Continental troops, provisions &c. In answer to which, Sept. 20, 1777, Col. Hunt was directed "to defer mounting the cannon at present; and to procure a quantity of Provision in store for the use of the State."

Resolution of the Committee of Safety respecting Mark Hg Wentworth, Esq., &c.(1)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 131.]

State of New Hampr } In Committee of Safety,
Sept. 12th, 1777.

It having been represented to us that Woodbury Langdon Esqr is now confined in New York as a prisoner, by the influence of John Wentworth, Esq. late Govr of this State, and not to be released, otherwise than by exchange for Colo Stephen Holland, who is confined here as a criminal; Therefore

Resolved, That Mark Hg Wentworth, Esq. be required to give his parole in writing, for himself and Family, also the wife and children of John Fisher, Esq., that they do not leave the town of Portsmouth without permit from the Legislative authority of this State; And that the sheriff of the County of Rockingham be, and hereby is directed imediately to serve Mr. Wentworth beforenamed, with a copy of this Resolve, receive his Parole as aforesaid, and make return to this Committee or the General Assembly, as soon as may be.

M. WEARE, Chairman.

To John Parker, Esq.

State of New Hampshire: Portsmouth, Septr 12, 1777.

Whereas it is this day Resolved by the Committee of Safety of this State, that I, the subscriber should give my written Parole for myself and Family & also the wife & children of John Fisher, Esq., that neither of us, shall depart out of this Town without leave from the Legislative Authority of said State: I do hereby give my Word & Honor that myself & the above named Persons shall remain in this Town & not depart therefrom without leave as aforesaid.

MARK Hg WENTWORTH.

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(1) See *ante* pp. 627, 628.—ED.

Particulars of the movements of Genl Lincoln from September 13th to the 21st.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 135.]

13th. Marched in three Divisions from Pawlet, commanded by Cols Brown, Johnson and Woodbridge. Col. Brown crossed South Bay to relieve our prisoners at the North of Lake George; Col. Johnson at the same time to divert the enemy at Independence; Col. Woodbridge at Skeenborough to cover Col. Brown's retreat &c.

On Wednesday morning, ye 17th, at day-break Col. Brown began ye attack, set at liberty 100 of our men which were prisoners; took prisoners 293 of the enemy, amongst which were two Captª., 7 Lieuts, & two other officers; took Mount Defiance, Mount Hope, the French lines & the Block house at the Landing, 200 Battaus, one armed sloop, several gun-boats; on Sunday took about 100 prisoners—the prisoners are marched for Connecticut, except ye 100—took a vast quantity of plunder; his [Col. Brown's] water craft are with a party set out for the South end of Lake George, where are all their boats, baggage & heavy artillery. I have not the least doubt but they will succeed; The Division consists of 500 men each; Col. Brown is reinforced now to 700. We mean to keep possession of the ground at Ticonderoga; the field is now opened wide, the time is now come that we may intirely cut off Gen. Burgoyne's whole army if we exert ourselves; our numbers are not sufficient to keep what we have & can get. I think it the Duty of every man to turn out with his horse & one month's provision; which will undoubtedly accomplish our design. I must call on all friends to America to turn out & come to our assistance at Ticonderoga.

JACOB BAYLEY, B. D G.

Castleton Sept. 21, 1777.

P. S. Genl Lincoln is gone to join Genl Gates.
(A true Coppy) Attest—Peter Labaree, Chairman.

Letter from our delegates in Congress, relating to the battle of Brandywine.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 107.]

Philadelphia, Sept. 15th, 1777.

WORTHY SIR—No doubt but that you'l hear of the battle of ye 11th Instant (before this reaches you) which begun at Chadsford on Brandywine River; various and uncertain are the accounts of the loss on both sides; several members of Congress were present at the battle, who report as their opinion that our loss did not exceed 400; and by information this day by a man who lived nigh the field of battle, who says he was called on with some others by Genl Howe to bury the dead, that they buried of the enemy on that part where our Right wing was engaged 1274, and that in said place we lost but 200; what numbers was slain on our left wing where the battle first begun is not as yet ascertained. They have lost a great many officers, and a very great many wounded;—one hundred waggons loaded with sd wounded went off the field together; on the whole they were so sore that they have continued in their camp ever since the battle, having full employment to take care of their wounded and to bury their dead; Altho' we lost the field with six pieces of cannon, another such victory would ruin Howe's army. General Washington has collected his army, and (in high spirits) taken an advantageous post about five miles from the Enemy, and as soon as the reinforcement from Peeks-kill of 2500 joyns him, to attack the Enemy.

We have obtained an order from Congress for one hundred thousand dollars, one half on the loan-office in Boston, the other half on the loan office in our State. Mr. Frost being in a poor state of health, desires leave to return home, and proposes to set off from this place next week and bring the orders on s^d offices with him.

We are with great respect, Sir,
Your most ob^t & most Hum^bl serv^ts
NATH^l FOLSOM
GEO: FROST.

To the Hon^bl Meshech Weare, Esq.
New Hampshire, President.

Letter from Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 139.]

Camp above Stillwater, 17^th Sept. 1777.

DEAR SIR—I embrace this opportunity by Express to inform you, That the troops under my command is to leave this place tomorrow; and the enemy are within six miles of our army, and an engagement is daily expected. This is to entreat you, as a Lover of your Country, to hasten your Troops to join the army without loss of time. It is probable the Fate of America may be determened in a few days. Your exertions in this will get you everlasting Honour, and Neglect, to the contrary. I am, Sir,

Your most obed^t, very humb^l serv^t
JOHN STARK.

To the Commanding officer of the
Militia destined for the Northern
army from the State of New Hamp^r.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 141.]

A Letter from Gen. Gates, dated Bemas Heights, Sept. 17, 1777, says, "It is evident Gen. Burgoyne designs to risque all upon one rash stroke—It is therefore the indispensable duty of all concerned to exert themselves in reinforcing this army without one moment's delay." [Directed to the Chairman of Com^tee at Bennington—to be forwarded eastward.]

Orders to Col^o Stephen Evans to march to Bennington.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 145.]

State of New Hampshire—

To Col^o. STEPHEN EVANS—You are hereby directed to march with your Regiment lately raised to reinforce the Continental army, as soon as possible to Bennington, where you will find Provisions, and put yourself under the command of General Stark if there, or any where in those parts, provided Gen. Stark has determined to tarry in the service, who in that case will put himself under the commander in chief of the Continental army: But if Gen. Stark should have left the service before you arrive there, or be determined not to tarry, then you are directed to put yourself under the command of the General officer of the Continental army nearest to Bennington—then to act as shall be prescribed by the commander of the Continental Army in that Department.

Letter to General Stark, desiring him to remain in the service.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 149.]

State of N. Hamp^{r}—Sept. 20th 1777.

Sir—By a letter Rec^{d} from you dated at Bennington you mentioned your determination of not contin^{g} in the service longer than the time for which your Brigade then with you had engaged for. However, considering your known zeal for the good of your country, the Gen^{l} Court hope your domestic concerns and all other difficulties will give way to the Public service; that you will consent to tarry with the Militia, which will accompany this, who are directed to put themselves under your command (if you tarry.)

The great necessity of all the Troops co-operating with each other in the common cause, makes it absolutely necessary *that you with the Militia under you, put yourselves* under the command of Genl. Gates or the commander in chief of the Continental army in that department; which if you tarry (as we earnestly desire) you are directed to do.

Gen. Stark.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[p. 194.] A Journal of the Proceedings of the Honourable House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their Fourth Session begun and held at Portsmouth, on the 17th day of September, Anno Domini 1777.

Towns & Places.	*Representatives.*	*Miles.*
Portsmouth	Hon^{bl} John Langdon, Speaker	
"	George Gains, Esq.	
"	Thomas Martin, Esq.	
Exeter	Sam^{l}. Gilman jr. Esq.	14
"	Thomas Odiorne, Esq.	14
Londonderry,	Moses Barnett, Esq.	38
"	John Bell, Esq.	38
Chester	John Webster, Esq.	32
"	Robert Wilson, Esq	28
Hampton	Dr. Levi Dearborn	10
Newington	Rich^{d} Downing, Esq.	6
Greenland	Mr. Joshua Hains	5
Rye	Mr. Nathan Goss	6
New Castle	—— —— ——	3
Stratham	Benj. Barker, Esq	12
New Market	Capt. Sam^{l} Gilman	15
Epping	Mr. Josiah Norris	20
Brintwood	Samuel Dudley, Esq.	19
Kensington	Mr. Eben^{r} Potter	18
Poplin & Raymond	John Dudley Esq.	32
Nottingham	Thomas Bartlett, Esq.	25
Deerfield & Northwood	Jere^{h} Eastman, Esq.	35
Hampton Falls & Seabrook	Mr. Henry Robie	16
So. Hampton & Newton	Mr. Stephen Bartlett	26
Epsom, Chichester & Allenstown	Jn^{o} McClary, Esq.	36

Towns & Places.	*Representatives.*	*Miles.*
Concord	Gordon Hutchins, Esq.	54
Pembroke	Capt. Sam^{l} M^{c}Connell	52
Canterbury & Loudon	Mr. Thomas Clough	54
Pelham,	James Gibson, Esq.	49
Wyndham	James Betton, Esq.	40
Salem	Mr. Caleb Dustin	34
Plastow & Atkinson	Nath^{l}. Peabody, Esq.	32
Kingston & E. Kingston	Sam^{l}. Philbrick, Esq	19
Sandown & Hawke,	Jethro Sanborn, Esq.	27
Hampstead	Sam^{l}. Little, Esq.	31
Candia	Sam^{l}. Moores, Esq.	36
Bow & Dunbarton,	John Bryant, Esq.	53
DOVER	Stephen Evens	14
"	Jn^{o} Wentworth, jun. Esq	14
Durham	Mr. John Smith	15
Summersworth,	Mr. Paul Wentworth	19
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq.	
Barrington	Capt. Joshua Foss	
Madbury	Jn^{o} Demerritt Esq.	
Lee	Joseph Sias, Esq.	20
Gilmanton & Barnstead	Joseph Badger, Esq	
Sanbor^{n} & Meredeth	Eben^{r} Smith, Esq.	
Leavittstown, Wakefield & Middleton	Simeon Dearborn Esq	
Sandwich, Tamworth & Moultonboro'	Jon^{a} Moulton, Esq.	
New Durham, The Gore & Wolfborough	——— ———	
AMHERST—	Moses Nichols, Esq.	54
"	Mr. Peter Woodbury	58
Holles	Mr. Stephen Ames	58
Salisbury & Boscawen	Capt. Matt. Pettingale	72
Mason & Raby	Mr. Amos Dakin	72
Temple & Peterboro'	Francis Blood, Esq	76
Litchfield & Nottingham W.	Asa Davis, Esq.	49
Derryfield & Goffstown	John Goffe, Esq.	49
Merrimac & Bedford	Wyseman Clagett, Esq.	49
Dunstable	Jona. Lovewell, Esq.	54
Weare	Mr. George Hadley	64
Hopkinton	Capt. John Putney	64
Francestown & New Boston	Mr. Benj^{a} Dodge	64
New Ipswich	Mr. Wm. Shattuck	74
Wilton, Lyndsboro' Mile Slip Duxbury & S Farns.	Francis Epes, Esq.	68
Hillsboro', Henniker, Deering & Soc. Lands,	Capt. Joseph Symonds	79

Towns & Places.	*Representatives.*	*Miles.*
New Breton, Warner, Perrystown & Fishersfield	Mr. Francis Davis	69
KEEN	Timothy Ellis, Esq.	102
Charleston	Dr. David Taylor	124
Walpole	Capt. Christo^{r} Webber	117
Claremont	Elihu Stevens, Esq.	141
Richmond	Capt. Oliver Capron	114
Winchester	Capt. Reub^{n} Alexander	114
Hinsdale & Chesterfield	Capt. Michael Cressey	114
Westmoreland	Mr. Eben^{r} Britton	110
Marlow, Surry & Alstead	Mr. Obadiah Wilcox	108
Dublin & Monadnoc—No. 5,	Mr. Joseph Greenwood	82
Swanzey & Fitz-William	Joseph Hammond Esq.	102
Stoddard, Gilsum & Packersfield	Joseph Rouncival, Esq.	99
Rindge, Jaffrey & Peterboro' Slip	Enoch Hale, Esq.	84
Unity, Acworth, Lemster, Saville, Croydon & Newport	Benja. Giles, Esq.	142
Cornish, Protectworth, Plainfield & Grantham	—— ——	
Rumney, Holderness, Campton & Thornton	Dan^{l}. Brainerd, Esq.	108
Plymouth, Cockermouth, Alexandria & New Chester	Dea. Francis Worcester	97
Apthorp, Northumberland, Stratford, Lancaster, Conway Cockburn, Shelburn, Colburn, &c. - -	Mr. Joseph Whipple,	
[all other towns—	None]	

[P. 198.] State of New Hampshire.

At a Session of the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire begun and held at Portsmouth on Wednesday the 17th day of September Anno Domini, 1777, by adjournment.

[Not being a quorum, adjourned to]

Thursday, Sept. 18th 1777.

Voted, That John Smith be and hereby is elected clerk, pro tempore, of this house.

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Odiorn be Assistant Clerk.

Voted to choose a Committee of this House to join such as the Honble Board shall appoint to take under consideration the Inventories of the rateable Estates of the several Towns in this State returned to the Secretary & report thereon & that Mr. Bell, Jno. Dudley Esq. Capt. Martin, Benja Giles Esq. & Jonathan Lovewell, Esq. be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Blanchard, & Mr. Bellows added.]

[P. 199.] Voted, That Brigadier General Whipple be and hereby is directed to order & set a Guard of sixteen effective men with a proper officer included, to take care of and guard the Goal at Exeter both day and night, & to be so ordered that not less than eight men be on said Guard at a time during the night or from sunset to sunrise, & that said officer & men remain in said service for the term of three months next ensuing, unless sooner discharged, & that the Privates receive forty shillings per month each as wages, & the officer of the Guard four pounds ten shillings per month, and that they have the same Rations as soldiers employed in the service of this State; and that strict orders be forthwith given in writing to the officer of the Guard to make all necessary defence in protecting the Prison & keeping the prisoners secure. [Concurred.]

Voted, To choose a Committee of three to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to take into consideration a Letter from Congress respecting General Stark, & to draught an answer thereto & lay the same before this house, & that Col. Peabody, Capt. Martin, & Jno. Dudley Esq. be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Thompson added.]

Report of the Committee on a new proportion for taxes.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 5.]

The Committee of both houses appointed to consider of a method for making a new Proportion to be a guide for paying Taxes in this State, Recommend that an order for taking and returning an Inventory be issued to all Towns, Parishes, & Places in this State in the following form:

Whereas by a general change of circumstances in the several places in this State paying Taxes, the last proportion is become unequal, and a new one is necessary: Therefore

Voted, That the Select men or the major part of them or others by them appointed, at the charge of the Town, Parish or place whereto they belong, shall take an Inventory of the Rateable Estates of the Towns, Parishes or places following: [Here follows the names of all the taxable Towns &c. in the State—which see in the subjoined List, with their Proportion &c.]

Which Inventory shall be taken by the first day of June next, to consist of what each person was possessed of the first day of April 1777, and returned into the Secretary's office at or before said first day of June next, in the following kind of Estate: All male Polls from eighteen years old and upward except Persons engaged in the Army or Navy for three years or during the War; all male & female slaves from sixteen to forty-five years of age; orchard, arable, mowing and pasture land, accounting so much orchard as will in a common season produce ten barrels of cyder one acre; so much pasture land as will summer a cow four acres, and what mowing land will commonly produce one ton of hay yearly one acre, and what arable or tillage land will commonly produce twenty-five bushels of corn yearly one acre;—in which is to be considered all land planted with Indian corn, potatoes, & beans, and sown with grain, flax, & peas; all horses, mares & colts, distinguishing the difference of years from one to three years old; esteeming all that has been wintered two winters one year old, allowing in like manner for those two years old & those three years old;—and all that are four years old & upwards to be accounted horses and mares; all oxen, cows and young cattle, distinguishing their age as above expressed for horses; All mills wharves & ferries and the yearly rents thereof,—yearly repairs thereof being first deducted, in the judgment of the persons taking said Inventory: The Sum total of all money in hand or improved at interest more than those persons letting or having the same give Interest for: The sum total of the Value of all stock improved in trade whether at abroad or at home; The Sum total of the Value of all real Estate, viz. Land & Buildings not included in the before named articles: No lands appropriated to public uses to be Inventoried. That said Inventory be made & returned in Columns agreeable to the following form:—

	Num. of Polls 18 years old & upwards
	No. of Slaves from 16 to 45 years of age
	No. of acres of orchard land.
	No. of acres of arable land.
	No. of acres of mowing land.
	No. of acres of Pasture land
	No. of horses and mares.
	No. of colts 3 years old
	No. of colts 2 years old
	No. of colts 1 year old
	No. of oxen
	No. of cows
	No. of cattle 3 years old
	No. of cattle 2 years old
	No. of cattle 1 year old
	Yearly rents of mills being deducted.
	Sum total of Stock in trade
	Sum total of money in hand or at interest.
	Sum total of the value of all real estate, not included before.

And every person is required to give in a true and faithful Inventory of all the foregoing articles belonging to him respectively on oath if required thereto by the person or persons taking said Inventory who are hereby Empowered to administer the same, and on refusal or neglect thereof, the person or persons taking said Inventory are to set down to him or them so refusing or neglecting as much as in his or their judgment appears equitable :

That the person or persons taking said Inventory shall take an oath to be administered by any Justice of the Peace in the county where the same is taken, that he or they have faithfully and impartially made such Inventory, a certificate of which oath from the Justice who administered it, shall be returned with the said Inventory into the Secretary's office :

Further Voted, That the selectmen of the next oldest Town, to any Town, Parish, or place where no selectmen are chose, shall take an Inventory of such Town, Parish or place, or appoint some person or persons in the said respective places to do the same, and return it as aforesaid, for which they shall be paid an adequate reward, on their accounts being exhibited to and allowed by the General Assembly, out of the Treasury of this State :

And further Voted, That the Secretary send a copy of this vote to the Selectmen of the several Towns, Parishes and places before named as soon as may be, at the Public expence.

(Copy) Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Proportion of State Tax to £1000.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 1.]

Places taxed.	No. of Polls.	Amount of Estates rateable.	Doomage.	Proportion.
[Rockingham Co.]				
1 Allenstown	82	£ 50: 2: 9		1: 10: 5¼
2 Atkinson	91	217: 19: 2		6: 12: 6
3 Bow	72	97: 7: 3		2: 19: 2
4 Brintwood	194	427: 9: 4		12: 19: 11
5 Candia—Deduct £25.	143	294: 2: 1		8: 18: 9
6 Chichester	119	152: 3: 8	£ 5	4: 12: 6
7 Concord	238	403: 18: 3	20	12: 5: 7
8 Chester	339	680: 18: 0	40	20: 13: 11
9 Deerfield	219	415: 8: 9	15	12: 12: 4½
10 Epping	258	668: 8: 6	40	2[illegible]: 6: 4½
11 Epsom	73	124: 11: 8		3: 15: 7½
12 Exeter	807	641: 10: 10	50	19: 9: 11½
13 Greenland	128	305: 17: 8	30	9: 5: 11½
14 Hampstead	133	268: 15: 7	5	8: 8: 4½
15 Hampton	180	422: 19: 8	10	12: 17: 3
16 Hampton Falls	115	284: 16: 8	15	8: 18: 2½
17 Hampton North	127	288: 2: 9	15	8: 15: 1½
18 Hampton South	103	251: 14: 9	25	7: 13: 0½
19 Hawke	91	220: 14: 4	15	6: 14: 2½
20 Kensington—£20.	158	857: 8: 0		10: 17: 0½
21 Kingston	188	374: 18: 9	30	11: 7: 11½
22 East Kingston	84	198: 3: 11½	15	6: 0: 6½
23 Londonderry	514	946: 16: 3	25	28: 15: 6½
24 Northwood	64	117: 6: 0		8: 11: 4½
25 Newington	108	240: 5: 3	50	7: 5: 11½
26 Newtown	91	177: 7: 11		5: 7: 9½
27 Nottingham	146	829: 8: 3½	10	10: 0: 1½
28 Newmarket	288	468: 16: 8		14: 4: 11½
29 Plastow	99	198: 18: 4½	20	6: 0: 11½
30 Pelham	138	258: 8: 6		7: 17: 1½
31 Poplin	106	229: 10: 5½		6: 19: 6½
32 Pembroke	143	209: 10: 9	20	8: 3: 10½
33 Rye	143	289: 10: 0		8: 16: 0½
34 Raymond	131	253: 2: 8		7: 13: 10½
35 Sandown	121	216: 17: 4	5	6: 11: 10½
36 Salem	210	363: 4: 5		11: 0: 9½
37 Stratham	192	412: 13: 11		12: 10: 10½
38 Seabrook	127	214: 12: 4	10	6: 10: 0½
39 Wyndham	108	185: 00: 00		5: 12: 10½
40 Canterbury	179	306: 10: 0		9: 6: 0½
41 Loudon	93	164: 0: 9		4: 19: 8½
42 New Castle	87	84: 19: 8		2: 11: 8
43 Portsmouth, dedt £100.	717	1202: 8: 8		36: 10: 8½
				427: 17: 8.

Places taxed.	No. of Polls.	Amount of Estates rateable.	Doomage.	Proportion.
[Strafford Co.]				
1 Barnstead	58	80: 5: 10	15	2: 8: 9½
2 Barrington	200	456: 0: 9½	20	13: 17: 5½
3 Campton	84	72: 0: 2		2: 3: 9¼
4 Conway	52	112: 14: 9		3: 8: 6¾
5 Dover	296	587: 19: 9	100	17: 17: 5½
6 Durham	209	460: 11: 5	10	13: 19: 11½
7 Gilmantown	186	311: 17: 5½		9: 9: 6½
8 Gore or Kingswood			50	1: 10: 4¾
9 New Holderness	30	77: 16: 9	10	2: 7: 4
(9½) Leavitstown	16	35: 16: 10		1: 1: 9½
10 Lee	180	365: 5: 9	15	11: 2: 1
11 Madbury	124	251: 4: 4	25	7: 12: 9½
12 Middleton	....	....	80	2: 8: 7½
13 Meredith	68	130: 9: 1	15	3: 19: 0¼
14 Moultonborough	72	147: 15: 0		4: 9: 10
15 New Durham	....	....	100	3: 0: 9½
16 Rochester	341	588: 11: 9		17: 17: 9¼
17 Sanbornton	101	196: 11: 6	15	5: 19: 5¾
18 Sandwich	60	132: 16: 6		4: 0: 9
19 Summersworth	186	340: 7: 4	50	10: 6: 11
20 Tamworth	29	53: 3: 0	30	1: 12: 8½
21 Tuftonborough	....	....	30	0: 18: 3
22 Wolfborough	44	107: 4: 7	10	3: 5: 2¼
23 Wakefield	81	135: 8: 3	10	4: 2: 3¾
				£149: 1: 2
[Hillsborough Co.]				
1 Antrim	23	42: 9: 8		1: 5: 10
2 Amherst—dedt £145: 16: 9.	322	602: 9: 11		18: 6: 8
3 Bedford	109	202: 6: 2		6: 3: 0
4 Boscawen	121	203: 7: 7		6: 9: 8¼
5 Derryfield	53	85: 10: 4½		2: 11: 1½
6 Deering	49	99: 17: 11		3: 0: 8¾
7 Duxbury farm & M. Slip	20	36: 8: 2		1: 2: 1½
8 Dunbarton	98	216: 13: 3	20	6: 11: 8
9 Dunstable	103	207: 3: 11	20	6: 5: 11
10 Goffstown	147	251: 14: 6		7: 13: 0½
11 Fishersfield	....	....	40	1: 4: 4¼
12 Heneker	101	145: 2: 6		4: 8: 4½
13 Hillsborough	62	95: 10: 8		2: 18: 0¾
14 Holles	251	498: 1: 4		15: 2: 6½
15 Hopkinton	211	381: 18: 7	20	11: 12: 2½
16 Francestown	....	....	120	3: 12: 11¼
17 Litchfield	58	110: 15: 10	10	3: 7: 8½
18 Lyndeborough	142	241: 18: 5		7: 7: 4½
19 Mason	111	178: 3: 4	5	5: 8: 7
20 Merrimac	114	196: 16: 3	10	5: 18: 11¾
21 New Boston	124	236: 9: 4		7: 8: 9
22 New Bretton, £5.	47	71: 6: 6		2: 8: 2¼
23 New Ipswich	160	418: 7: 9		12: 11: 6
24 Nottingham West	129	207: 0: 10		6: 5: 10
25 Perrystown	36	33: 0: 6		1: 0: 0¾
26 Peterborough Slip	24	44: 7: 9		1: 6: 9
27 Peterborough	118	248: 18: 4	40	7: 11: 4
28 Raby	30	52: 1: 3	5	1: 11: 7½
29 Salisbury	109	230: 14: 8	10	6: 14: 2
30 Society Lands	22	42: 15: 4		1: 5: 11
31 Temple	94	181: 12: 9		5: 9: 8¾
32 Weare	204	315: 7: 3		9: 11: 11
33 Warner	56	78: 10: 1		2: 7: 8½
34 Wilton	134	300: 18: 0		9: 10: 3¼
				£195: 4: 8.

Places taxed.	No. of Polls.	Amount of Estates rateable.	Doomage.	Proportion.
[Cheshire Co.]				
1 Alstead	89	144: 14: 1		4: 7: 11
2 Acworth	40	82: 7: 3½	10	2: 10: 0
3 Charlestown	148	287: 0: 4		8: 15: 1
5 Clermont	121	202: 3: 9	45	6: 2: 9
6 Croydon	39	74: 16: 6		2: 5: 7
7 Chesterfield	189	276: 11: 0	15	8: 8: 1
8 Dublin	62	131: 7: 8	5	3: 19: 9
9 Fitz William	81	135: 17: 10		4: 2: 8
10 Gilsom	51	76: 3: 7		2: 6: 8
13 Jaffrey	113	179: 19: 10		5: 9: 5
14 Keen	167	338: 18: 3	20	10: 5: 9
15 Lempster	32	60: 11: 6		1: 16: 5
16 Marlow	45	86: 17: 4		2: 12: 10
17 Marlborough	76	141: 12: 7		4: 6: 0
18 Newport	43	74: 8: 7½	5	2: 5: 3
20 Packersfield	55	97: 11: 1		2: 19: 3
22 Rindge	162	256: 6: 11	20	7: 15: 10
23 Richmond	177	257: 14: 6		7: 16: 7
24 Swansey—£10.	182	240: 13: 7		7: 6: 3
25 Surry	58	91: 18: 10		2: 15: 10
27 Stoddard—£15.	53	91: 14: 5		2: 15: 9
28 Unity	41	71: 13: 8	5	2: 4: 8½
29 Walpole	143	285: 16: 0		8: 13: 8½
30 Westmoreland	178	286: 4: 8	15	8: 14: 1¾
31 Winchester	138	259: 11: 6½		7: 17: 9
32 Washington	44	92: 16: 5		2: 16: 5
4 Cornish	....	....	160	4: 17: 3
11 Grantham	....	....	50	1: 10: 4
12 Hinsdale	....	....	160	4: 17: 8
19 Plainfield	....	....	160	4: 17: 3
21 Protectworth	....	....	80	0: 18: 2
26 Saville	....	....	50	1: 10: 4¾
[Grafton Co.]				
1 Alexandria	....	....	....	4: 17: 3
2 Apthorp				1: 16: 5¾
3 Bath	....	....	....	4: 17: 3
4 Canaan	....	....	....	3: 0: 9½
5 Cockermouth	....	....	....	1: 16: 5½
6 Cockburne	....	....	....	0: 18: 2¾
7 Cardigan	....	....	....	1: 4: 4
8 Dorchester	....	....	....	1: 4: 4
9 Grafton	....	....	....	1: 16: 5¾
10 Gunthwait	....	....	....	1: 4: 4
11 Haverhill	66	118: 10: 2		4: 6: 11½
12 Hanover	....	....	....	6: 1: 7
13 Lancaster	....	....	....	4: 11: 2½
14 Lebanon	....	....	....	4: 17: 3½
15 Lyme	....	....	....	8: 12: 11¼
16 Landaff	....	....	....	0: 18: 3
17 Morristown	....	....	....	1: 4: 4
18 New Chester	84	59: 17: 4		1: 16: 4½
19 Northumberland	....	....	....	8: 0: 9½
20 Orford	....	....	....	4: 11: 8
21 Plimouth	74	157: 9: 9		4: 15: 8½
22 Piermont	....	....	....	3: 0: 9½
23 Relhan	....	....	....	1: 10: 4¾
24 Rumney	45	84: 10: 6		2: 11: 4¾
25 Strafford	....	....	....	0: 18: 2¾
26 Shelburne	....	....	....	0: 18: 8
27 Thornton	27	55: 3: 4	10	1: 19: 8½
28 Warren	....	....	....	1: 4: 4
29 Wentworth	....	....	....	1: 10: 4¾
30 Lyman	....	....	....	1: 10: 4¾
31 Dartmouth	....	....	....	1: 0: 0

[P. 200.] Voted to choose a Committee of three to join such as the Hon^{ble} Board shall appoint to take into consideration a Letter from Capt. Thomas Thompson & report thereon, & that Maj^{r} Philbrick Maj^{r} Gains & Capt. Gilman be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King & Mr. Walker added.]

Letter from Capt. Thomas Thompson, of the ship Raleigh.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 47.]

GENT^{n}—My duty to the United States obliges me to take notice of the Conduct of the officers commanding at Fort Washington & Fort Sullivan; my particular complaint is for not shewing due respect to the Continental Ship of War Raleigh; namely, Not shewing Colours when she passed the Forts, but sailing several times in a very insulting manner: I ask'd them why they did not hoist their colours? Instead of a proper answer, I was treated with indecent & ungentlemanly expressions, such as I blush'd to hear: I must beg your Honours to make enquiry into this matter, & bring the offenders to justice equal to their crime; as they are Answerable to you only for their conduct I hope you will not pass it over as a light matter, but think the whole Continent insulted by their behaviour. Col^{o} Whipple, Col^{o} Langdon, Major Hackett & a number of Gent^{n} from the Southward were on board. Mess^{rs} John Furnald & Nahum Ward were in the Fort.

I beg your Honours to summon them and be govern'd by their evidences in the matter.

I am, with due respect, Gent^{n}
Your hum^{bl} Serv^{t}
THO^{s} THOMPSON.

N. B. This complaint is more particularly against the officers at Fort Washington.

On board the Raleigh,
Augst 14, 1777.

Fryday, September 19th 1777.

Voted, That this House immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Hon^{bl} Board to take into consideration the Report of the Committee from the several States of New England & New York, lately convened at Springfield (1). [Concurred.]

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(1) The report of the said Convention is contained in full in State Pap. Vol. VII. pp. 345–356. The Convention met July 30th, and continued in session till August 6th, 1777. There were present:

From New Hampshire, Col$^{o.}$ Josiah Bartlett,
Col$^{o.}$ Nathaniel Peabody.
From Massachusetts Bay, Hon. Thos. Cushing, Esq$^{r.}$,
Hon. Robert Paine, Esq$^{r.}$,
From Connecticut, Hon. Roger Sherman,
Samuel Huntington, and
Titus Hosmer, Esq$^{rs.}$

[P. 201.] The Committee of the whole House being join'd by the Hon^{bl} Board to take into consideration the Report of the Committees from the several States of New England & New York lately convened at Springfield—The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare in the chair,—proceeded to confer upon the matters contained in the said Report; not having time fully to consider of the same, the Committee adjourned to three of the clock in the afternoon.

[Met according to adjournment 3, P. M.]

After further consideration thereon, agreed to

REPORT

That it is the opinion of this Committee that all the paper currency emitted by this State (except change less than a dollar) be redeemed & called in by the first day of November next agreeable to the Recommendation of the before mentioned Committees lately convened at Springfield; and that, in order to redeem the same, the Treasurer be impowered and directed to issue his Notes on the Faith and Credit of this State (payable with interest) to be given in lieu thereof: That the consideration of the second clause in the Report of s^{d} Committees respecting Taxes be postponed for the present, And that the Clause in the s^{d} Report respecting the repealing the Acts for Regulating prices &c. and for making provision for the Families of the non-commission'd officers & soldiers in the service of this State engaged in the Continental Army for three years or during the War be accepted.

The Committee were then dissolved & the Speaker resumed the chair.

[P. 202.] Thursday, Sept. 20, 1777.

Voted, That no general officer shall at present go out with the two Regiments to be sent from this State to join the Continental army. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. Hunt [of Charlestown] be directed to purchase beef cattle not exceeding one hundred head, & flour not exceeding fifty tuns for the use of this State. [Concurred.]

Monday, Sept. 22, 1777.

Voted, That John Paul Jones Esq^{r}. Captain of the Continental ship Ranger, have liberty to inlist from the matross

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From Rhode Island, Hon. Wm. Bradford,
Hon. Stephen Hopkins, and
Paul Mumford, Esq^{r}.
From New York, John *Stors?* Hobart, Esq.
(Governor Morris was appointed but not present)

N. B. It does not appear that the report of the doings of the Convention at Springfield was otherwise acted on by the General Assembly of New Hampshire than as above.—ED.

Companys in the Batteries in the Piscataqua Harbour a number of men not exceeding twenty. [Concurred.]

Letter from Capt. John Paul Jones.

Portsmouth, Sept. 20th 1777.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen—The inclosed letter to the Committee of Safety having produced no effect, I think it my duty to lay it before you. The departure of the Ranger is now impeded solely for want of the liberty which I then asked, and which I now hope to obtain from you. United as the Continent is, its interest must take precedence of all private concerns in every Patriot breast; and as I hope I have served without blame, since the first establishment of the Navy, I am persuaded that I shall meet with the same countenance and assistance from you, which every other officer hath experienced. Meantime I have the honor to be with sentiments of respect,

Gentlemen, your most obedient, very humble servt,
Jno. P. Jones.

The Hon. The Speaker & Representatives
of the State of New Hampshire.

[p. 204.] Tuesday Sept. 23d, 1777.

Voted, That the Commanding officer in this State, do recommend it strongly to the officers & soldiers in the Militia under his command, That, so many of them as are inclined to serve their country, on this important crisis do immediately march for the re-inforcement of our brethren in the Northern Army, and that whilst in such service, they do obey the orders of the commanding officer, & that they will receive such pay, rations, & other encouragements as are received from this State by other officers & soldiers. [Concurred.]

[p. 205.] Voted, That Capt. Enoch Page be directed to march with his company immediately to the State of Rhode Island & put himself under the command of Lt. Col. Senter who is commander of the Regiment lately sent there from this State.

[p. 206.] Voted, That his Honor the President be desired to write to the President of the Massachusetts Bay informing him of the report of the Committee of both Houses with respect to adopting the measures recommended by the Committees lately convened at Springfield; and to know whether that State intend to comply with the same or any part thereof. [Concurred.]

Wednesday, Sept, 24, 1777.

Voted, To choose a Committee of three to join such as the hon^{bl} Board shall appoint, to take into consideration the conduct of Col. Stephen Evans with respect to his not going forward immediately with the troops under his Command, & report thereon, & that Capt. Gilman, Col. Badger, & Col. Hutchins be the Committee of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Col. Gilman & Col. Bartlett joined.]
[P. 207.] The Committee of both Houses appointed to take into consideration the conduct of Col^{o}. Stephen Evans with respect to the not going forward immediately with the troops under his command, Report as their opinion—

That the President be desired to give Col^{o} Stephen Evans positive Orders to march within twelve hours after he receives the said Order: —and if any of the men of his Regiment are not mustered, & paid their advance wages & travel money, that he be directed to deliver the money for that purpose to Col^{o} Otis Baker or Col. Chesley, & in case of their absence or refusal, to some other suitable person.

Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered, voted, That the same be receiv'd and accepted.

Letter from Col. Stephen Evans.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 159.]

To the Honourable the President of the Council, now sitting at Portsm^{o}.

Sr—The money I Rec^{d} out of the Treas^{y} for the purpose of paying 170 men & the officers of three companies, including the Adjut^{t} & Quarter mast^{r}, amounts to about 4445 Dollars. I Rec^{d} about 3800 which leaves 645 short of accomplishing the thing ment^{d}.

Sir—I have not let the business suffer for want of the above money, as I was so lucky as to find a friend that oblig^{d} me with it, but must replace the same before I march: Therefore should take it as a favour, if the money could be paid the bearer, Mr. Joseph Evans, & his Receipt shall be good for the same.

Sr—your most obed^{t} & very humb^{l} serv^{t}.

STEP^{n} EVANS.

Dover, Sept. 24, 1777.

P. S. The men in my Regiment are mostly Marched, & I have gave order to the Lieut. Col. & Maj^{r} to march & hope to get off myself very soon. (As before) S. E.

[P. 208.] Voted, That Lieut. Zebulon Gilman of Exeter be and hereby is appointed Captain of a company in Col. Stephen Evans Regiment now raising, to reinforce the Army in the Northern Department, and that Lieut Zebulon Barber of New Market be his first Lieutenant. & that they have commissions accordingly. [Concurred.]

Votes, acc^{ts}, petitions &c. acted on by the house & concurred by the Council, between Sept. 17 and 24th 1777. (See Rec. of Council.)

Committee appointed on Inventories of rateable estate.

Request of Richard Rogers, a prisoner from New York, asking to be liberated.

Petition of John Judkins "to be restored to his land" in a case formerly settled by referees &c.

Money accruing from the sale of Sam^{l} Tarbell's estate by Amos Dakin, to be paid into the Treasury.

Robert Mack to have out of the Treasury £80, to purchase a ton of iron to be carried to No. 4.

Committee to consider of the practice of selling cheaper for silver than paper money.

Vote forbidding people to buy cattle & carrying them out of the State.

Petition from Quakers in Richmond, in Cheshire Co. [not found.]

Counterfeit money in the hands of Benj^{n} Giles: he to receive the equivalent amount, £28. from the treasury.

Capt. Daniel's pay roll allowed & paid, £139 : 3: 4.

Petition of Silas Hedges for the fee in certain lands in Goffstown—

Petition of Benj. Cross, a Continental soldier for relief—to apply hearing granted.
elsewhere.

The Superior Court empowered to adjourn by proclamation.

[P. 209–10.] Thursday, Septem^{r} 25th, 1777.

The Committee of both houses appointed to take into consideration the expediency of liberating one Richard Rogers a prisoner from New-York, Report,

They are of opinion that said Rogers may be permitted to return to the State of New York, and appear before the Board of Commissioners for detecting conspiracies &c. there, and abide their Order concerning him; and that previous to his going he take an Oath of allegiance to the State of New York.

(Signed) E. Thompson, Ch^{r}.

Which being read and considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Mark Wiggin of Stratham be & hereby is appointed Major of Col^{o}. Abraham Drake's Regiment raised to reinforce the army in the Northern department & that he be commissioned accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 212.] Friday, 26th Septemr, 1777.

The committee of the whole house being joined by the Honbl Board to take into consideration what allowance the General Assembly shall have for their services the current year, & in what manner the same shall be paid, (The Honbl Meshech Weare in the Chair) proceeded to consider on the matters to them referred, & after some time spent thereon, came to the following determination, and

Report,

[P. 213.] That the wages of the members of the Honble Council & House of Representatives shall be six shillings per day for their attendance during the present session & the next; & that they be allowed four pence per mile for travel, & that the same be paid out of the public Treasury in the manner it has been paid heretofore.

The Committee were then dissolved, & the Speaker resumed the Chair. When the foregoing Report was read & considered, & thereupon, Voted, That the same be received & accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, To chuse a Committee of five to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to take into consideration the accounts received from the Northern army & report what is best at present to be done; and that Capt. Blood, Dr. Taylor, Colo Goffe, Major Downing & Mr. Gibson be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. King & Mr. Walker added.]

An act to prevent the pernicious practice of Distilling into any kind of spirit whatever, Cyder, Perry, wheat, Indian Corn, rye, Barley & oats, or either of them, being read a third time,

Voted That it pass to be enacted. [Concured.]

[P. 214.] Voted, To chuse a Comtee of three to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to nominate to this house proper persons to collect evidence respecting the conduct of the Generals that were at Ticonderoga at the time it was evacuated, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress; & that Capt. Moulton, Capt. Gilman, & Benja Giles be the Comtee of this House for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Thompson added.]

Whereas many persons (some of them suspected to be inimical) have made a practice of buying up much cattle & sheep within this State and have drove them thereout to places unknown, to the great Damage of the Inhabitants within the Same State, as it has a manifest tendency to raise the Price of Beef & mutton and must also in future be the cause of a great scarcity of leather & wool, and also as it is probable that the said cattle & sheep are not designed for the use and consumption of the neighbouring States, or of our own armies, but those of our Enemies:—In order to render all such schemes abortive in future:—

Be it, and it is hereby *Resolved*—That whenever it shall happen that any person or persons shall be found within this State possessed of or driving any Cattle or sheep with an apparent design to vend the same in any other State, It shall & may be lawful for the select-men of any [P. 215.] town into which the same Cattle or sheep shall come (or for the Committee of Safety if any shall be in any such town within this State) to cause the said person or persons so suspected as aforesaid to come before them the said selectmen or Committee of Safety, & the said Cattle or sheep to be stopped, & if upon examination such person or persons shall not produce some certificate well authenticated under the hands of the Selectmen or Committee of Safety or the major part of them residing in or near the place where the said Cattle are destined, or otherwise convince the Examinants that the same are actually bought up for the use of our Armies, or the good people of some neighbouring sister State, or shall fail within the space of twenty days to procure and produce such certificate as aforesaid (the cattle or sheep to remain as a pledge in the mean time, at the expence of the owner) it shall be taken, deemed and construed, that such cattle or sheep were bought up and collected for the actual & sole use of the armies of our merciless enemies; & the same cattle & sheep shall be sold by the said examinants at private sale for the most they will fetch to any person (being amical or friend to the United States) and the money arising by such sale, after deducting reasonable charges, shall be paid into the hands of the receiver-general of this State for the use of the same. [Concurred.]

[P. 216.] An Act to prevent the pernicious practice of selling Goods, wares, merchandises or Provisions or any other commodities for Gold & silver when the Paper currency of the United States of America or of this State shall be offered therefor & denied acceptance, and also the exchanging a larger sum in Paper money for a lesser sum in gold or silver—being read a third time,

Voted, That it pass to be enacted. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Sept^r. 27^th, 1777.

Voted, That this House resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Hon^bl Board, to take into consideration the letter received by Express from the Committee of Charlestown, & consult what is necessary to be done.

The Committee of the whole House being joined by the Hon^bl Board, to consider of the Letters received by Express from the Committee of Charlestown, & consult what is necessary to be done at this time (The Hon^bl Meshech Weare in the chair) proceeded to consider on the matters to them referred, and agree to Report;

That a Commissary of prisoners of war be appointed for this State; That a Vessel be procured, to be used as a prison ship to confine the prisoners in, that are now on their way to this State & others, & that a proper guard be sent forward immediately to meet the prisoners & conduct them to this place; That a Commissary be appointed to attend the guard & purchase provisions necessary for the s^d guard & the Prisoners, & that Capt. Francis Blood be the Commissary; That the s^d guard consist of twenty men including the officer; That Col^o Supply Clapp be the commissary of Prisoners; and the committee further re- [P. 217.] port—That General Whipple be appointed to take the command of the Troops gone & going from this place to join the Northern Army, & that the General Court be adjourned to the first Wednesday in November next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the Court house in Exeter: The Committee of Safety in the recess to summon the Court sooner, if they see it necessary: The Committee report further, That the Committee of Safety shall as soon as possible issue Precepts for the choice of a General Assembly for the ensuing year, When the Committee dissolved, & the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The foregoing Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

Voted, That Capt. Titus Salter & Capt. Eliphalet Daniels be ordered to send twenty men from their Companys (ten whereof from each, including an officer from Capt. Salter's company) to proceed immediately towards Charlestown in this State to take charge of & Guard the Prisoners now on their way to this place, & that Lieut. Jacob Worthen have the command of said Guard. [Concurred.]

[Letters from Charlestown above referred to.]

Letter from Brig. Gen. Bayley, to Col. Morey.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 152.]

Castleton, 22^d Sept. 1777.

Sir—Success attends us as yet; in part we have cut off their communications; we have taken Tie——side, except y^e old Fort; hope soon to have all Lake George; taken about 500 prisoners; we want help much; our Division is only 1500 men. Gen. Lincoln is gone to join General Gates; you and all the Militia eastward must turn out with horse and one month's provision, which will I hope put an end the dispute this way * * * * within y^e month.

General Arnold fought a Battle two days ago on the left of General

Gates; great numbers fell on both sides; he took 250 prisoners and 3 field officers & the field. Pray turn out.

Jacob Bayley, B. D. G.

Col. Israel Morey, Orford.

Another letter from Brig. Gen. Bayley.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 153.]

(Extract) Castleton, Sept. 22^{d}, 1777.

"We request that all the Militia above Charlestown and Eastward march to our assistance with horses, bringing flour and Beef to serve themselves one month, by which time I hope the whole of Gen. Burgoyne's army will be in our hands. I think now every man of Spirit will turn out—pasturing is good and plenty this way.

"I send about 100 prisoners to you to dispose of as you think will be most safe; some provision must be sent tomorrow, to meet the prisoners as far as one day's travel from hence, as we have none to spare. The number to supply will be about 150 men; no time may be lost in sending along the Militia. I have no man to write for me. You must excuse mine. Please to send the inclosed as far as you think proper. Gen^{l} Arnold has fought the Right wing of Gen^{l} Burgoyne's—won three field pieces, the field and 250 prisoners. Great loss on both sides."

(Copy) **Jacob Bayley, B. D. G.**

Attest

Peter Labaree,(1) Chairman.

Letter from Peter Labaree, Esq.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 157.]

To the Honourable Committee of Safety of this State, at Exeter.

Sirs—I heare enclosed send you a coppy of General Bayley's Letters from Castletown, & he enforms me that he sends 100 prisoners to be desposed of as may be thought Best. These are therefore to desire your Honours to send by the Bearer Hereof what Rout they must Take and how they shall be Provided for on the Rode. Pray S^{r} give him all possable Dispatch that can bee.

From yours, in y^{e} Name and behalf of y^{e} Committee of Safety of this Town. **Peter Labaree**, Chairman.

Charlestown, Septemb^{r} y^{e} 23, 1777.

Orders from the Committee of Safety at Charlestown relative to prisoners.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 161.]

Mess^{rs} Mr. Ebenezer Swan and Capt. Simon Stevens:

Gentlemen—You are hereby Desired to take into your care and custody a number of Canadian prisoners and toreys sent here by order of Col^{o} Bailey by Capt. Tho^{s} Johnson, lately taking at Ticonderoga. You are desired to take them from here as soon as conveniently can be done and take such a gaurd as you, Gentlemen, shall think suffitiant to gaurd said prisoners from here to Exeter, unless Relived by the way or by some other order from some superior athority or Comity of State from the State of New Hampshire, and you are hereby directed to take such care and charge of said prisoners and pervide such Necessarys for them on the way, as you, Gentlemen, shall think Reasonable for their common support, and them safely Deliver at Exeter or to such officer or officers in Athority as you shall be derected so to do.

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(1) Peter Labaree, Esq., was chairman of the Committee of Safety of Charlestown, No. 4.—Ed.

In behalf of the Committee

PETER LABAREE, Chairmⁿ

Charlestown, Septʳ
the 27: 1777.

[P. 218.] In the House of Representatives, Septemʳ 27ᵗʰ 1777.

Voted, That there be inserted in the Precepts that go out for calling a General Assembly for the ensuing year, Instructions to the several Towns to impower their Representatives to vote in the choice of Delegates for the Continental Congress. [Concurred.]

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety for this State have full power to issue Precepts for the choice of new Members of the General Court for the ensuing year, to be signed agreeable to the Constitution. [Concurred.]

Acts, Votes, accᵗˢ, petitions, &c. passed on by the House, & concurred, between Sept. 25 and Sept. 27ᵗʰ 1777. (See Rec. of Council.)

Petition of Selectmen of Charlestown, for leave to erect a Hospital to inoculate for the small pox—to be considered.

Committee chosen to nominate officers for the several Counties.

Petition of Sarah Little, for leave to go to her husband—granted.

Committee appointed to transcribe the sums in the several Inventories and make out a new proportion for State tax.

Petition of Lt. Col. Mooney in behalf of non-commissioned officers & soldiers—referred to a Committee.

Petition of George Hart and others for allowance on blacksmith bills—referred to a Committee.

A Letter from the town of New Ipswich, referred to a Committee.

A Committee appointed to consider the expediency of lengthening out the time for receiving into the Treasury, money emitted by this State.

David Hubbard allowed & pd £6:9:0, for express.

Ezekiel Gummer, door keeper, allowed & pd £3:12:0.

Capt. Francis Blood, to receive out of the Treasury £60 to be accounted for.

John Smith, clerk *pro temp.* of the house, to receive 6*s* per day, & Thomas Odiorne, 3*s* per day, over and above their wages as members of the house; Ebenʳ Thompson, Secʸ, receive 6*s* per day, extra.

The House, then adjourned to the first Wednesday in November next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. then to meet at the Court House in Exeter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Col. John Hurd, in relation to Capt. Thornton.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 163.]

(Extract.) Haverhill, (Coho'os,) Sept 30th, 1777.

SIR—"While on my journey homewards, I happened to be at Plymouth, when Captain Thornton was taken up, & present with the Committee on his examination: he then told us, & its likely he tells the same story at Exeter, that he went over to Otter Creek to see his land, & there he fell in with a party of Hessian Soldiers, who made a prisoner of him; that when he went out with the army he did not bear arms, but only assisted to drive waggons, & was taken by our people with the waggoners.

"Upon the return of Col° Chas Johnston of this place a few days agoe, who was with Col° Nichols' party at the first attack on the British army in Bennington, I inquired about Thornton, and Col° Johnston assures me that he was taken within the Breast-works by his men, & not a waggon near them. I have also been informed by Mr. John Way of this Town whom Thornton first fell into compa with on his journey outwards, that he, Thornton, inquired of him whether any watch or guard was kept here at Coho'os to examine travellers; if any scouts were then kept out towards Canada, & wch way they went, what stock of Powder in the Town & where 'twas stored.

"Upon Mr. Ways telling him he knew of some, & that he had a pound in his own house on purpose to kill Tories,—Suspecting some ill design by all his enquirys,—Thornton then took occasion to run out against the Tories in the most abusive language, thinking to deceive Way & cover his designs: the next day he & his companions skult away & were gone out of our Reach, tho' diligent search was made to stop them.

"I thought this information might be some service, that I have troubled you with it; we can forward Depositions if necessary. We hope & trust that Thornton & all his traiterous companions will meet their condign punishment.

"I congratulate with you on the success of our army to the Northward & the glorious prospect there now appears of destroying the whole Force of our Enemys both North & South, & compleating the business of this campaign; if the people do but continue their spirit & exertions. 'Tis rather unluckey tho' that General Stark's Brigade is so soon broke up, wch has struck a panic into the Enemy they will never recover;—more of our men this way however are turning out at the earnest request of General Bayley from Castleton, & by orders of

Col° Morey, who I hear was going off himself. I am extremely chagrin'd that my infirm Limbs will not permit me to share the Toils & dangers of the field with my countrymen. I have spared two of my family & sent them off with horses & provisions for near a month;—one of them, my son Jacob, tho' hardly of age sufficient, but a well grown lad of good heart & disposition, to supply his fathers place."

JN° HURD.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 169.]

Letter from Committee of Safety in Newington, Sept. 20, 1777, giving reasons for their suspicions that Benj^a Adams, Esq. of Newington, "is rather a friend to the Tyrant King than American Liberty."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 171.]

Letter from Col. John Goffe, Derryfield, Sept. 30, 1777, urging the forwarding of troops to the Northern army under Gen. Stark, "with all possible speed, since Heaven has to all appearance put it into our power to cut off our inveterate Enemies, if we will but exert ourselves and push on courageously without loss of time."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 173.]

Letter from Hon. Nath^l Folsom, delegate in Congress, dated York, Pa. Oct^r. 2^d, 1777, stating that the British troops were in Philadelphia, that Gen. Washington was watching their movements, and guarding the Stores at Reading & Lancaster; congratulating the people of New Hampshire, on the success of the Northern army, & praying that a Divine blessing may attend our arms & preserve our invaluable liberties," &c.

Orders to Gen. Whipple to re-inforce the Northern Army.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 175.]

State of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety, Oct^r 2^d, 1777.

SIR—As you have been directed by the General Assembly to take command of the Troops gone & going from this State to Re-inforce the Northern Army, and the giving you some particular Instructions being left to this Committee; You are hereby further directed to proceed to Bennington and there collect the two Regiments under Col°. Evans, and Lieut. Col°. Drake, as also all the volunteers there, and who may arrive there. The Volunteers you will arrange and place into two Companies &c. and put into the best order you can, and then put yourself & troops under the commander in chief of the Continental army in that department to act as occasion may require. You will tarry such time at Bennington to make up your troops as you think convenient for the good of the service; perhaps you may find it necessary to proceed immediately to the Camp & order the Troops to follow you, to be there put into order—however in that matter you will act as you judge best.

Gen^l. Whipple.

Thanks by Congress to Gen. Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 177.]

In Congress, Oct. 4, 1777.

Resolved, That the Thanks of Congress be presented to General Stark of the New Hampshire Militia and the officers & troops under his command for their brave and successful attack upon & signal victory over the enemy in their lines at Bennington; and that Brigadier Stark be appointed a Brigadier in the army of the United States.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHA^s THOMSON, Sec^y.

Letter from the Portsmouth Committee of Safety, relating to a flag of truce from Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 179.]

Committee of Safety:—Portsmouth, Oct^r 4th 1777.

GENTLEMEN—Last night arrived a Schooner as a Flag of truce from Rhode Island, pass'd the Forts and came to anchor opposite the Town —in our opinion unprecedented. The origin of this Flag we hear, is to carry off, if permission, Benj^a Hart's Family & other Familys: We have sent down for the Flag & the particulars of their design & order'd the Vessel under Fort Sullivan with a guard, not to suffer any person to pass on repass to or from her, till we can fully inform you & receive your order thereon,—w^{ch} we shall do in about two hours after rec^t of this (1).

We are, respectfully, Gentⁿ
y^r mo: ob^t serv^{ts}
In behalf of the Committee
H. WENTWORTH, Chairman.

P. S. The Com^{tee} tho't proper to order the sails unbent—a similar treatment to the Flag from this State to Halifax some time since.

Hon^{bl} Com^{tee} of Safety for New Hampshire.

Reply of the New Hampshire Committee of Safety to the foregoing letter. (Extract.)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 189.]

State of New Hamp^r
In Committee of Safety, October 8th, 1777.

SIR—"In answer to yours of the 4th Inst. respecting the Flagg of truce from Newport, I am directed by the Committee to inform you, that they have no objection to the persons named in the Commission, to Mrs. Hart being sent off to him to be carried to Newport, except young Wilson, who it appears is a prisoner of war & ought not to go without assurance of some one of our friends with the enemy, being sent in exchange for him."

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(1) The Portsmouth Committee (same day) inform the New Hampshire Committee that they have a return of the Flag, a list of the persons on board, with letters, &c., and ask for further direction.—ED.

"Mrs. Rysam, wife of one of the persons in the Flag," is also permitted to go with her husband.

Letter from Col. Stephen Holland, asking to be allowed Bonds.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 181.]

GENTLEMEN—Some time since I preferred a Petition to your Honors to be admitted to Bonds, and a number of Respectable men have by Petition ask'd of you the same favour for me. Your Honors were then pleased to say (as I was informed) that you could not do it, till you laid it before the General Court, & that then you should be able to give an answer to the Petitions. Now Gentlemen I earnestly request the same favours of you, on the same conditions, as I understand the General Court have given your Honours full power to act as you think proper respecting the prisoners. I beg leave farther to request that your Honours would be pleas'd to grant me my watch and money which I assure you I am in great want of.

I earnestly pray your honours will extend your compassion towards me; The Stench of the Goal is at times intolerable, and continually bad & very unwholesome, whereby my health is greatly impaired & daily failing.

I am, Gentlemen, with great respect, your most obed^t Humble Srv^t

STEPHEN HOLLAND.

Exeter Goal, Oct^r 4th, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 183.]

Letter from the New Hamp^r Committee of Safety Oct. 4, 1777, to Gov. Trumbull of Connecticut, asking that two prisoners, who were to be sent to his order to Connecticut, might be exchanged for "one Thomas Pickering a brave young man of this State, commander of a privateer carrying about 16 guns," who was taken by a British man of war, and "is now a prisoner at New York."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 187.]

(Extract.)

A Letter from Dr. Silas Hedges Oct. 5, 1777, about counterfeiters, says "One Samuel Hall has declared himself and others the instruments by which the 30*s* & 40*s* and 60*s* bills, of New Hampshire were made; gives information against John Holland, in Exeter Goal, as assistant to him; and Evidences against other persons in New Hamp^r say, part of the money was made in Joshua Atherton's house in Amherst." [Sent to Hon. Josiah Bartlett.]

Court martial—Major General Sullivan.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 195.]

Camp at Toamensing, Oct^r 12, 1774.

At a Court of enquiry held at Major General lord Stirlings quarters, by order of his Excellency General Washington, to examine into the conduct of Major General Sullivan in the expedition commanded by him to Staten Island, in the month of August last.

Present

Major General lord Stirling, President.
Brigadier General McDougall
Brigadier General Knox
Colonel Spencer
Colonel Clark
} Members.

The Court after hearing the evidence against the conduct of Major General Sullivan, and those produced by him in his defence, and duly considering the same, are unanimously of opinion, that the Expedition against the enemy on Staten Island was eligible and promised great advantage to the cause of America; that the expedition was well concerted and the orders for the execution proper, and would have succeeded with reputation to the General and the troops under his command, had it not in some measure been rendered abortive by accidents, which were out of the power of the General to foresee or prevent.

That General Sullivan was particularly active in embarking the troops to the Island and took every precaution in his power to bring them off.

That he made early provision at Elizabethtown for refreshing the troops of his division, when they returned to Jersey; and that upon the maturest consideration of the evidence in possession of this court, General Sullivan's conduct in planning and executing the expedition was such in the opinion of the Court, that he deserves the approbation of his country and not its censure.

The Court therefore are unanimously of opinion that he ought to stand honourably acquitted of any unsoldierly like conduct in the expedition to Staten Island.

Stirling
Alex^r McDougall
Henry Knox
Oliver Spencer
T. Clark

Published by order of Congress, J. Hancock, Presid^t.

Letter from Hon. John Hancock.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 211.]

Yorktown, 19^th^ Oct^r 1777.

Gent^t

I am so press'd with business that I have only time to cover you sundry Resolves of Congress to which I beg to refer your attention. The judgment of the Court Martial respecting General Sullivan, I beg you will order to have printed in your newspapers.

I am, Gen^t your Very hum^le serv^t
John Hancock, Pres^t

Hon. Assembly of New Hampshire.

Orders of the Committee of Safety to Noah Emery, jun. Commissary.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 223.]

In Committe of Safety, October 24th, 1777.

To Noah Emery, jun.

You are appointed as Commissary of stores for this State to proceed to Albany & receive of Caleb Smith & Israel Gorden nine Barrels of Rum and eight Barrels of Sugar hauled there by them; to find where the New Hampshire Battalions are, and if they are nigh the North River & likely to tarry until you can transport the Stores down the River to them, you are to do it, & sell to the said Battalions Rum at six shillings pr Quart, & sugar at two shillings pr pound, and render an account of the money to this State. But if said Battalions should be gone to Pennsylvania or any very distant place from Albany, you must store said Rum & Sugar in a safe place & leave it.

You are to deliver the articles to the men by an order from their Captains, and if the men have no money you are nevertheless to deliver it to them by the Captains order, who are to make the stoppages from the men's wages, and account with the State for the same.

Letter from Gen. Sullivan, relating to the battle of Germantown, dated October 25, 1777.(1)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. pp. 227-230.]

[This letter from Gen. John Sullivan to Meshech Weare, Esq., contains a detailed account of the battle of Germantown, in which he says] "We brought off all our cannon, and all our wounded; our loss in this action amounts to less than 700, mostly wounded. The enemy by accounts from their own officers, to 2500. I can only say it must have been considerable. We lost some valuable officers, among which were the brave General Nash and my two aid-de-camps, Majors Sherburne—whose singular bravery must ever do honor to their memorys: our army rendezvoused at Paulen's mills & seem very desirous of another action. The misfortunes of the day were principally owing to a thick fog which being rendered still more so by the smoke of the Cannon & musketry, prevented our troops from discovering the motions of the enemy or acting in concert with each other. I cannot help observing that with great concern I saw our brave Commander exposing himself to the hottest fire of the enemy in such a manner that regard to my country oblidged me to ride to him & beg him to retire: he, to satisfy me & some others, withdrew a small distance; but his anxiety for the fate of the day soon brought him up again, where he remained till our troops had retreated."

Jno Sullivan.

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(1) This letter, which is very long, is printed in full in the Life of Gen. John Sullivan by T. C. Amory, Esq., Boston. See copy in Library of N. H. Hist. Soc.—Ed.

Letter from General Folsom relating to Gen^l Howe's Army, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 231.]

(Extract) York Town, 27th October, 1777.

Dear Sir—

"We are yet in possession of the River Delaware, Fort Mifflin & the Fort opposite to it at the Red Bank. The Enemy have made repeated attacks upon the Forts in the course of the last week, but were always repulsed with great loss, particularly the general attack which they made on the 22d & 23d Instant, when they lost two ships, the *Augusta* of 64 guns & the *Liverpool* of 28, both of which they had warped through the lower row of Chevaux-de-frize; but not being able to sustain the heavy fire from our Forts, were forced to abandon them & blow them up. A copy of a letter giving an account of this affair I inclose you. (1)

Mr. Howe with his Army are in Philada in great want of provision. Genl. Washington's main army is at Germantown increasing in number every day, & we hourly expect to hear of another engagement. We have lately received Accounts from the northward of the surrender of General Burgoyne & all his army to our victorious General Gates, the particulars of which have not yet come to hand.

Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Articles of confederation as far as agreed to by Congress. The 9th article is, "That the proportion of the public expense incurred by the United States for their common defense & general welfare, to be paid by each State into the Treasury, be ascertained by the value of all lands within each state granted to or surveyed for any person, as such land & the buildings and improvements thereon, shall be estimated according to such mode as Congress shall from time to time direct." This article was opposed by all the New England Delegates & we are yet in hopes of having it re-considered." (Signed) Nath^l Folsom.

Hon. Meshech Weare.

Letter from General Wm. Whipple.(2)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 201.]

Betten Kill, 15 Octr, 1777.

Sir—I have been so much engaged since I have been at this Post, that it has not been in my power to wait on Genl Gates till yesterday; while I was there Mr. Burgoyne sent his adjutant Genl with a Flag, desiring a cessation of arms for a short time;—which was granted till sunset; The substance of the proposal made by Genl Gates, are that Genl Burgoyne shall surrender prisoner of war,—the officers & men to have their baggage & to be sent to some part of New England; the officers to be on their parole, except such as have heretofore broke their parole; these terms, I expect will be agreed to to-day, when the army will be in a situation to march down the Country, and I hope will soon have Mr. Clinton in the same situation that Mr. Burgoyne is now in. If Mr. Burgoyne does not agree to the terms proposed by Gates, we shall have a smart brush to-morrow, in which I am not in the least doubt of success. You'll excuse this hasty scrawl as the man who takes it to Charlestown is in a hurry.

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(1) The said letter is dated October 24, signed by Jno. Clark, A. D. C. Besides the above information, he says,—"The explosion [of the ships] exceeds any description."—Ed.

(2) No address; but the letter was probably directed to Hon. Meshech Weare.—Ed.

I have the honor to be with every sentiment of respect,
your most Hum^l^ Serv^t^. Wm. Whipple.

Letter from General Whipple, relating to Burgoyne's surrender &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 211.]

Albany, 21^st^ Oct^r^ 1777.

Sir—I did myself the Pleasure to advise you a few days ago, that a Capitulation was negotiating between Gen^l^ Gates & Gen^l^ Burgoyne: this business was happily concluded the 16^th^ Inst. And on the 17^th^ the British army marched out of their encampment & layed down their arms. I beg leave most heartily to congratulate you and my country on this happy event. Gen^l^ Gates has given the volunteers of New Hampshire an honorable dismission; the two Regiments who engaged till y^e^ last of Nov^r^ still remain here. I am directed by the Gen^l^ to attend Mr. Burgoyne to Boston.

Nothing could have been more seasonable than our success over Burgoyne, as an army of 3 or 4000 men from New York are endeavouring to make their way up this River; their design was to reinforce Burg^n^; but fortunately for us they are too late, & if the weather does not prevent Gen^l^ Gates getting his heavy Artillery down, I am in great hopes Mr. Vaughn, who commands the Plunderers from York, will soon be in the same situation with Mr. Burgoyne.

Measures are taking if possible to prevent his retreat, which no doubt he will endeavour to effect so soon as he hears of Burgoyne's fate. I expect to set out tomorrow, but as I shall escort Mr. B—— to Boston, it may be 10 or 12 days before I get home.

The great hurry the army has been in, Since Mr. B's capitulation has prevented my getting an exact return of the military Stores, but such as I have been able to obtain, I do myself the Honour to inclose you. Col. Langdon who set out y^e^ 17^th^ inst. took with him a copy of the capitulation, which no doubt he will send you before this comes to your hand.

I have the honour to be with every sentiment of respect, Sir, your most ob^t^ serv^t^

Wm. Whipple.

Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq^r^.

Account of the British army under the command of Genl Burgoin, who was entirely defeated by our brave Americans (1).

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 15.]

Army	General Burgoyne & Staff, among which were four members of Parliament.	British prisoners by capitulation.	Prisoners—foreign troops.	Sent to Canada.	Prisoners of war before surrender.	Sick & wounded.	Taken at Ticonderoga.	Deserters.	Killed between the 17th of Sept. & the 18th Oct:	Lost at Bennington.	Killed in General Herkener's battle.	Total.
	12	2442	2190	1100	400	598	413	300	609	1220	300	8595

N. B.	Brass Cannon, Royals & Mortars	37.
	Stands of arms,	5000
	Setts of Harness,	400
	At Fort Schuyler 2 Field pieces & 4 Royals,	6
	At Bennington 4 Field pieces,	4

A number of Ammunition waggons, with Implements & Stores compleat, Indians, Sutlers, Drivers, &c. &c. &c.

British prisoners taken at Saratoga, ye 17th Octr, 1777.(2)

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 207.]

STAFF.

Lieut. Genl Burgoyne
Major Genl Philips
Brig. Genl Hamilton
Capt. Lord Petersham } Aids to
Lieut. Wilford } Gen. Burge
Lieut Twiss } Aids to
Capt. Green } Gen. Philips.
Major Kingston, Dy Adjt.
Doctr Wood, Surgeon Genl
Lieut. Vallancy } Assists
Lieut. Bailue } Qu. Mr
Lieut. Cambue } Genl
Capt. Craig, Dy Judge Advoe
Gov. Skeen

4	Lieut. Cols
5	Majors
32	Captains
52	Lieuts
23	Ensigns
4	Chaplains
5	Surgeons
5	D. Mates
123	Sergeants
106	Drums
2080	Rank & file
2439	
17	Staff

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(1) This paper supposed to be forwarded or presented by Col. Langdon.—ED.

(2) This and the following paper supposed to be forwarded by Gen. Whipple, as referred to in his letter.—ED.

Lieut. Skeen, Major Brig.
David Geodes, D^{y} Pay Mas^{r}
Jona. Clesh, Ass^{t} Com. Gen^{l}.

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2456
2198 German troops
1200 on the Canadian Establishment
——
5854 Total capitulated on y^{e} 17th.

Return of Ordinance & Stores taken from the Enemy y^{e} 7th & 17th Oct^{r} 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 207.]

Cannon.		
12 Pounders	2	Taken y^{e} 17th near Stillwater.
6 Do.	6	
24 Pounders,........	2	Taken at Saratoga.
12 Do.	2	
6 Do.	12	
3 Do.	4	
Royal Morters?	5	
Eight Inch, Do.	2	
Taken out of the river	3	

Implements and stores compleat for the pieces not particularly ascertained for want of time: 5000 stand of arms; a great number musket cartridges, and a number of ammunition waggons, travelling forges &c. &c.

Letter from Col. Stephen Evans—relating to the conduct of a part of his Regiment.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 217.]

Albany, October 23^{d}, 1777.

Sr—After giving you joye on the glorious & compleat Victory over Gen^{l}. Bourgoun & his army in those parts, I would inform the Committee or General Court (if seting) of the low lived & scandalous behaviour of part of my Regiment, who for no sufficient reason have shamefully deserted & gon hom. Last Saturday late in the day I had orders to march for Albany; we parraded as soon as possible & marched; the whole army was in motion having news that the enemy was makeing up the River determined for Albany. My Regiment at that time had but one days provision, which was the case with many others. We did not arrive at Albany Sunday by reason of some disorder in the Regiment. Monday early in the forenoon they got in the cheife of them. We apply'd immediately for provision: it could not by any means be procured so soon as we called, but all dispatch possible was made so that we got some in the afternoon; but in the mean time some officers & men made such a Noise about their ill treatment, that I was really ashamed to hear them. They rail'd & swore they would go hom. I strove with all my power to prevail with them to stay, but to no purpose. I provided very good houses for them where they might live with the familys, about six in a house, but all would not do, & hom they would go & they did go to the tune of 85 officers & men; & I herewith present you a List of the whole & have sent the same on knowing it was my duty to inform you of all such rash & unjustifiable proceedings, & beg at the same time that they may be dealt with in the strictest manner; they are not in the least excusable; all things considered, base men—After they, the most of them have taken from one another 70 or 80 dollars, & som more, how can they answer such proseedings to God, their conscience & those they robed of their money. I have returned herewith the returns of each company from their respective commanding officer that is now present, & hope that for the safety of our army example &c.—they will be advertised as deserters, which I am order'd to do by the Gen^{l}. I desire there may be orders given out imediately to the officers of the militia to secure both officers & men as fast as they get hom.

Your most Obede^{t} & very hum^{b}. Servant

STEPH^{n} EVANS.

N. B. I here inclose an account of what Gen^{l}. Burgoins army consisted of. His army consisted, according to the most authentick account *consisted* of 9575, 400 of whom fell into our hands before the capitulation, & a very considerable number were killed & rendered unfit for service. Indeed, it is generally believed that the whole would have been totally destroyed had not their Gen^{l} prevented it by a speedy surrender—which has given unwonted honour to the American arms.

S. E.

Deserters from Colonel Evan's Regiment.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 219.]

In Capt. Libbey's Comp^{y}.

James Libbey, Capt.	Dover.
Joshua Hobart, Lt.	Somersth
Thomas Cushing, Serg.	Dover.
Reuben Ricker, Corp.	Dover.
Joseph Michel	Do.
Will^{m} Knight	Do.
Joseph Stevenson	Do.
Benj^{a} Kenney	Do.
Ebenezer Coson,	Rochester.
Michael Sudrick,	Dover.
Robart Hurd,	Do.
Joseph Caswell,	Barrington.
Gershom Wentworth,	Somersw^{h}
James Garrish,	Dover.
Otis Watson	Do.
John Kennison,	Lebanon.

(Nathan Horn, Lt.)=Total=16.

Capt. Porter Kimball's Comp^{y}.

Zacheus Clough, Serg^{t}	Poplin
Elijah Pollard.	

(Porter Kimball, Capt.) Total=2

Capt. Daniel McDuffee's Comp^{a}.

Serj. James Danielson,	Barrington.
Dan^{l} Foss, Corp^{l}	Do.
Paul Brewster,	Do.
John Bickford,	Rochester.
John Stanton	Do.
John Nute	Do.
Moses Rollins, jun	Do.
Joseph Thompson	Do.
Samuel Winkley,	Barington.
Isaac Bickford,	Rochester
Nathan Foss	Barington
Ralph Hall	Do.
Isaiah Foss,	Rochester
Ebenezer Hall,	Barington
Samuel Stiles	Do.
Dudley Davis	Do.
Simeon Starbord	Do.
Henry Hill	Do.
Daniel Dealing,	Barington
John Akens	Do.
Stephen Starbord,	Rochester.

(Capt. Daniel McDuffee,) Total=21.

Capt. Zebulon Gilman's Com^y

William Simpson corp^l	New Mar^t.
Josiah Burleigh	Do.
Josiah Goarding,	Exeter
John Pain,	Do.
(Zebulon Gilman, Capt.)	Total=4.

Capt. Sanborn's Com^y

Joseph Hoit,	Deerfield
John Chandler,	Northwood
Jon^a Hawkins,	Nottingham
Joseph Langley	
Benj^a Langley	
John Roberson	
(Jeremiah Prescot Lt.)	Total=6.

Capt. George Tuttle's Comp^y.

Thomas Crummit, Ens.	Durham.
James Thomas, Serg^t.	Do.
Jeremiah Pinnar, Serg^t	Do.
Mark Whitten, Serg^t	Lee
Benj^a Bodge, Serg^t	Madbury
Enoch Bunker, Corp^l	Durham
Daniel Tasker, Corp^l	Madbury
Josiah Kinnison, Corp^l	Lee
Ephraim Bickford, Corp^l	Do.
David Davis,	Durham
Samuel Bickford	Do.
Benj^a. Smith	Do.
Philip Fowlar	Do.
Joshua Doe,	Do.
Edmond Spendergrass,	Durham
Thomas Leathers	Do.
David Mann	Do.
Samuel Chesley	Do.
Will^m Smart	Do.
Trueworthy Durgan	Do.
John Sias,	Lee, Volunteers.
Benj^a Burnham,	Do.
Josiah Durgan	Do.
Timothy Munsey	Do.
Thomas Hill,	Do.
John Davis,	Do.
John Stevens	Do.
Nath^l Stevens	Do.
William Twombly,	Madbury
Daniel Demerit,	Do.
Ebenezer Demerit,	Do.
Daniel Tuttle,	Do.
Moses Emerson,	Do.
Moses Emerson,	Do.
Eliphalet Tuffs	Do.
Solomon Hanson	Do.
(George Tuttle, Capt.)	Total=36
Whole No. deserters	87

N. B. The above Deserters went off the 19th and 20th Inst.

October y^e 23^d 1777.

The above is a true copy of the Number of Desarters as given in by the Several commanding officers of the Companies present.

Pr order of the Col^o

JON^a WENTWORTH, Adg^t.

Capt. George Tuttle desarted October 25 from Albany & Ebenezer Horn of Rochester, 20th Do.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 220.] State of New Hampshire. } A JOURNAL of the Proceedings of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their Session begun & holden at Exeter on the fifth day of November, 1777, by adjournment.

Wednesday, Nov. 5th 1777, 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted to choose a committee of three of this House to prepare and bring in a bill to oblige all officers both civil & military, as well as the members of the General Assembly within a limited time therein to be set, to take & subscribe an Oath & Declaration of Fidelity to this State; and in such form as shall be therein prescribed, & lay the same before this house as soon as may be, and that Mr. Clagett, Col° Peabody & Mr. Speaker be the Committee for that purpose.

Nov. 6. A Committee appointed to report on necessary business, Messrs Downing, McClary, Jn° Dudley, Lovewell & Moulton.

Friday, Nov. 7th, 1777.

Voted, That the bonds given to this State & to the Speaker of this House in behalf of this State by such persons as have been apprehended as Enemical to this State or to the United States of America, & by such persons as have been apprehended on suspiçion of their being guilty of making & uttering counterfeited bills of this or either of the United States, and have absconded or on any wise broken their said Bonds; be forthwith delivered to the Attorney General of this State, and be imediately prosecuted by him for the benefit of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 221.] A Committee chosen to consult on the wages to be paid soldiers who marched on the late alarms.

A Committee to consider of the allowance to Prison keepers.

Petition from Newmarket to be divided into two Parishes—leave to bring in a bill.

Committee to form a Proclamation for a General Thanksgiving. [See Resolve of Congress, p.]

Committee on proportioning the State Tax: Also a Committee to prepare necessary bills.

A Committee to consider what is to be done respecting Prisoners at Portsmouth.

Sundry Letters and Copys of Resolves of Congress were read.

Nov. 8. An act for altering the time of sitting of Infe^r^ Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham, from the last Tuesday of Feb^y^ to the first Tuesday of Feb^y^, annually.

The Militia who marched on the alarms to reinforce Ticonderoga, to be allowed four pounds & ten shillings per month.

[P. 223.] Saturday Nov^r^ 8^th^, 1777.

An Act to oblige the members of the Council & house of Representatives, all officers civil & military, Barristers & Attorneys at Law, to take and subscribe an oath of Fidelity to the State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Otis Baker, John Wentworth jun^r^ & Theophilus Dame, Esq. of Dover, in the County of Strafford; Col^o^ Jonathan Moulton, Mr. Robie and Mr. Potter, in the County of Rockingham; Col^o^ Kelley in the county of Hillsborough, Samuel Dudley Esq. of Brintwood, & Col. Enoch Hale of the County of Cheshire, be a Committee to apply forthwith to the clerks of the several societies of the People called Quakers in the several Towns of Dover, Hampton falls & Seabrook, Brintwood, Weare, and any other Towns in this State, & examine the records & papers of such societies respectively, and if they find any records or papers of a Political nature, that they seize them & transmit them to the House for examination, and in case such clerks shall refuse to discover and deliver such records & papers that the said Committees have full power to break Locks or bolts to come at them, and for that end have power to impress all necessary aid & assistance for doing the same. [Concurred.]

Voted, To chuse a Committee of three to join such as the Hon^bl^ Board shall appoint to consider of the Letters &c. received from Congress & also the Letters from General Gates,(1) Gen^l^ Whipple & Col^o^ Evans respecting deserters, and to make report what is to be done thereon, and that Col° Nichols, Capt. Blood and Capt. Martin be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Ashley, & Mr. Gilman added.]

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(1) General Gates's letter is not found: for General Whipple's & Col. Evans's letters, see *ante*. pp. 706-710.—ED

[P. 224.] Monday, Nov. 10th, 1777. P. M.

The chief of this afternoon was spent in qualifying the members of the house agreeable to an act passed in this State on Saturday last.

Form of Oath and Declaration.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 261.]

I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I do renounce, refuse and abjure, any Allegiance, or Obedience to George the III, King of Great Britain; and that I will to the utmost of my Power, support, maintain and defend the Independence of all the United States of America, as the same was set forth by the Continental Congress, in their Declaration of the 4th of July, 1776. And, I do promise, that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to the State of New Hampshire during my residence therein; and will disclose and make known to some Magistrate acting under said State, all Treasons and Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against the United States, or any one of them, as Independent of the Crown of Great Britain. And these things I do Swear according to the plain and common sense of the words, without any equivocation, or secret reservation whatsoever upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me GOD.

James Knowles
Joseph Sias
Jon^{a} Moulton
John Smith
Paul Wentworth
Joseph Badger
John Wentworth, jun.
Ebenezer Smith
Joshua Foss.

State of New Hampshire. Exeter Nov^{r} 10th, 1777.

James Knowles, Esq. within named, took & subscribed the within mentioned Oath and Declaration, Before me
NOAH EMERY, Commissioner.

And Nov. 11th, 1777, Joseph Sias, member for Lee took & subscribed the within Oath & declaration before me, N. Emery, Commissioner; the same day Jonathan Moulton, Esq^{r}. member for Sandwich, Tamworth & Moultonborough, took and subscribed the within oath and Declaration—Before me Noah Emery, Commissioner.

Nov^{r}. 13th. Joseph Badger, Esq^{r}. member for Gilmantown & Barnstead, and John Wentworth, jun. Esq, member for Dover took & subscribed the within oath & Declaration, before me, Noah Emery, Commiss^r.

Nov^r. 18^th, Ebenezer Smith Esq, and on the 19^th Capt. Joshua Foss, took the within Oath & Declaration & subscribed the same, Coram
N. Emery, Com^r.

[On another Paper Nov. 10, 1777, are the following names.]

Simeon Ladd
Thomas Folsom
Benj^a Boardman
Tho^s. Parsons
Benj^a Hickcox

Tuesday, Nov^r. 11^th 1777.

[P. 224.] Voted and Resolved, That all Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors within this State shall, before they proceed to Indict, Present, or try any person or cause in any Court within this State, take and subscribe the oath appointed by a late Law of this State to be taken by all officers civil and military within this State.

The Council and house being joined in a Committee of the whole to consult upon the ways and means of making the proportion & raising, levying & collecting the State tax for the current year 1777;—The Hon^bl Josiah Bartlett Esq^r in the chair, proceeded to confer & consult upon the matters to them referr'd, and after some time spent thereon came to the following Resolution and Report:

That the same rate for Taxation be used now as was by the late Law of this State excepting wild Lands which shall be taxed at the rate of half one per cent. (1)

Then the Com^tee dissolved and the Speaker resumed the Chair; and voted, That the Com^tee fill up the columns accordingly.

Capt. Salmon Stone's pay roll allowed, £433:11:8.

Petition of Ichabod Fisher—referred to a Committee.

Petition of Andrew Aiken referred to a Committee.

[P. 225.] Capt. Titus Salter's pay roll allowed, £136:10:7.

An Act to enable the Congregational & Presbyterian societies in New Market to settle & maintain the Gospel ministry.

Committee appointed to purchase beef and pork.

Capt. Davis Howlett's pay roll for fifty men, allowed £412:6:2.

Capt. Howlett's pay roll for 80 men allowed £291:7:10.

Capt. Howlett's acc^t. all'd, £5:18:4,—he to give bonds, for his paying the officers & soldiers.

Wednesday, Nov^r. 12^th, 1777.

Voted, That Thursday the fourth day of December next be observed and kept as a day of Publick Thanksgiving throughout this State, and that the Proclamation for the same be forthwith printed and dispersed throughout the State.

General Thanksgiving.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 235.]

Yorktown, Penn., 1st Novembr 1777.

Sir

The arms of the United States of America having been blessed in the present campaign with remarkable success, Congress have resolved to recommend, that one day, Thursday the 18th of December next, be set apart to be observed by all the Inhabitants throughout these States for a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God: And I have it in command to transmit to you the inclosed extract from the Minutes of Congress for that purpose.

Your Honor will be pleased to take the necessary measures for carrying the Resolve into effect in the State in which you preside.

You will likewise find inclosed a Certified copy of a minute which will shew your Honor the authority under which I address you.

I am with great esteem & regard,
Sir, your Honours most obt & most huml servt,
Henry Laurens, Prest in Congress.

The Honble Meshech Weare
New Hampshire.

In Congress, November 1, 1777.

Congress proceeded to the choice of a President, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Henry Laurens was elected.

Extract from the minutes.

Chas Thomson, Secy.

A Comtee appointed to nominate civil officers.

A Comtee to inquire of the Council what votes & resolves of the last session were non-concurred &c.

Pay roll of Capt. Samuel Wright, all'd, £367:2:1.

Voted, to chuse a Committee to join a Committee of the Honbl Board to consider of the manner how the Tax upon out lands & other Estates not inventoried shall be collected within this State, and who shall collect the same & report to this house as soon as may be; and that Jno Dudley Esqr. Jno. Webster, Esqr. Mr. Lovell, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Worcester, Mr. Giles & Mr. Gibson be the Committee of this house for that purpose.

Thursday, Nov. 13th, 1777.

Voted, To chuse a Comtee of three to join a Comtee of the Honbl board to consider the case of the Prisoners from New

York, now in Amherst Goal, and report thereon, and that Mr. Lovewell, Mr. Gains, & Mr. Webster be the Committee of this house for that purpose.

[P. 227.] Voted, to chuse a Com^{tee} of three to join such as the Hon^{bl} board shall appoint to consider the Petition of Asa Porter & report thereon & that Capt. Simonds, Mr. Gains & Sam^{l} Gilman Esq. be the Com^{tee} of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Walker & Mr. Blanchard joined.]

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.

[The several joint Committees to consider the subjects referred to them met successively on the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th insts., and at length agreed on the following, viz.]

On hearing the Address of sundry towns in the County of Grafton, chose the Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett & John Langdon Esq^{r}. & Mr. Giles a sub Committee to confer with the Com^{tee} of said Towns upon the matters of their address, and report thereon as soon as may be.

Chose [also] Eben^{r} Thompson & George King, Esq^{rs} and added them to the Com^{tee} to confer with Com^{tee} from Sundry Towns in the County of Grafton, (1) and to draught an answer to their Addresses and report the same to the Com^{tee} to-morrow. (19th)

Then the Com^{tee} proceeded to examine & pass the Inventories of Polls & Estates returned by the Selectmen of the several towns & places within this State, and to add the proper Doomages.

The said Committee reported That they had settled and Passed the several Inventories returned & had fixed the Doomages, and committed them to the former Committee from both houses to enter them into a List accordingly.

The Committee on Asa Porter's petition—Hon. Timothy Walker, Chairman,—reported, That said Asa Porter have leave to come into this State, visit his former habitation and attend to his private concernments—he being of good behaviour, according to his bond.

[P. 232.] Thursday, Nov^{r} 20th, 1777.

Voted, That Capt. Gilman, Col. McClary & Mr. Gains be a Com^{tee} to join such as the Hon^{ble} board shall appoint to consider of the accounts & abstracts of Brig. General Stark, and report thereon. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Samuel Gilman jun. Esq. be & hereby is appointed to take the several Acts & Laws made & to be passed in this State, this Session, and to see them printed as soon as possible, and to inspect the Press whilst printing, and return them into the Secretary's office as printed, and that he advertise them in the Newspapers. [Concurred.]

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(1) The addresses referred to have not been found.—ED.

The Com^{tee} of Gen. Stark's abstracts reported as their opinion, That the account and abstract of Brig^{r} Gen^{l} Stark be allowed and paid: [viz. wages, £208: 3: 0, & rations, £33: 16: 4.]

The Com^{tee} on the affair of the Prisoners taken by Col^{o} Brown reported,

> That Col^{o} Clapp the Commissary of prisoners for this State be directed to write to Maj. General Heath stating the number & their different circumstances of Imprisonment, and to request his order thereon, & if he cannot obtain an answer, then to address Maj. Gen^{l} Gates upon this occasion.
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> Signed—Jon^{a} Blanchard, for the Committee.

Which report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be rec^{d} & accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 233.] Voted, To choose a committee of three of this house to join such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to nominate proper persons to collect evidence respecting the conduct of the Generals that were at Ticonderoga at the time it was evacuated, agreeable to the resolves of Congress, and that Mr. Gibson, Mr. Giles, & Mr. Betton be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Blanchard added.]

[P. 238.] Saturday, Nov^{r}. 22^{d}, 1777.

Voted and Resolved, That the Resolve of the General Court of this State of the tenth of December 1776, laying an Embargo on all vessels of every Denomination (excepting such as may be fitted out by order of the United States, or either of them, or by the Board of War in behalf of this State, or such as may go coast wise from one Harbour in this State to another, or such as may be permitted by the General Assembly, or in the recess thereof by the Council or Committee of Safety of this State,) and every article and clause therein be repealed, & hereby is Repealed, annulled and made void to all intents and purposes. [Concurred.]

Voted, That William Knight and George Gains Esq^{r}. of Portsmouth, William Rowell of Newtown, and Isaiah Adams of New market, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; That Benj^{a} Norris of Pembroke, and Richard Champney of Portsmouth, be Coroners for the County of Rockingham; That John Tasker of Barnstead, and William Chamberlain of Middletown, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Strafford; That John Burnam Hanson of Dover, & Joseph Stevens of Durham, & John Gilman of Meredith, be coroners for the County of Strafford; That John Duncan of Antrim be a Justice of the Peace, and Moses Nichols Esq^r of Amherst, be a Justice of the Quorum for the County of Hillsborough; That William Pope of Hillsborough, Aaron Quimby of Weare & David Spofford of Temple, be Coroners for the County of Hillsborough; That Thomas Putnam of Acworth, Daniel Lake of Rindge, Asa Brigham of Fitzwilliam, and Joseph Rouncival of Washington, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, Nov^r. 25th, 1777.

[P. 242.] The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider of & report some method for Collecting the State Tax from such Townships & places as are not incorporated or not inhabited, beg leave to recommend the following method, viz. That there be added to the Proportion Act, the following clause or words to the same purpose:

Whereas there are sundry places among the aforegoing names of places which are not Incorporated, and have no method to assess & collect the sums to be raised: Therefore

Be it Enacted, That Joseph Badger & Simeon Dearborn, Esq^rs or either of them, for the County of Strafford, Benjamin Giles & William Haywood Esq^rs. or either of them for the County of Cheshire, Francis Blood Esq. & Capt. John Putney or either of them for the County of Hillsborough, John Hurd & Samuel Emerson, Esqrs. & Mr. Joseph Whipple (they or either of them) for the County of Grafton, are hereby appointed to call meetings of the inhabitants of all places in their respective Counties that are not incorporated, giving all such places public notice by causing a Notification setting forth the time, places & occasion of meeting, to be posted up publicly in said place at least fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting, to chuse all officers necessary for assessing & collecting the State Tax;—which meeting shall be holden by the first of February next; and the Selectmen of each place chosen as aforesaid shall in their places call meetings to be holden on the last Monday in March, to chuse all officers as aforesaid, and so to proceed annually untill a New Proportion of the State Tax—and the officers so chosen shall be under oath for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them, and shall have the same power & authority in their respective stations as if chosen under an Incorporation; and the Inhabitants of all such places are hereby indulged with one month longer before they pay their first State Tax to the Treasurer than those places that are Incorporated; and all officers chosen as aforesaid are & shall be subjected for neglect of duty to the same penalties as are inflicted on the like officers chosen in places incorporated.

And, Whereas the Towns of Tuftonborough, Shelburne, Cockburn and Morristown, who are in the aforesaid Proportion, are not Inhabited or so few Inhabitants therein as not to be capable of assessing & collecting the State Tax, Therefore—

Be it Enacted, That the Treasurer for the time being shall at the time of issuing his warrants annually for the State Tax, give Public [P. 243.] Notice in the New Hampshire Gazette & some one of the Boston Newspapers, of the sums proportioned & to be paid by the owners of the lands in the aforesaid Towns, requiring them to pay the same into the Treasury by the same time that other Towns are required to pay their Tax, and that if they neglect to pay the same, as much of their land will be sold by order of the General Assembly, as will pay said Tax with all incidental charges—which is submitted in behalf of the Committee, by E. Thompson, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, To chuse a Committee of three to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to take under consideration a Letter from General Bailey, and report thereon, and that Capt. Blood, Majr Gains & Col. Hutchins be the Committee of this house for that purpose. [Concurred—Mr. Wentworth added.]

Letter from General Bailey.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 281.]

Newbury, 20th Novr. 1777.

DEAR SIR—I heartily congratulate you on the happy Reduction (for the New England States) of Gen. Burgoins army by Gen. Gates, *in which New Hampr State first and last was very Instrumental;*—your turning out the voluntiers was extraordinarily advantageous in that affair; and now if the advantage gained is followed, this winter, we may have possession of the Lake, which will for the future prevent any more disturbance from the Enemy from Canada, with but little expence. I wish the French prisoners might be sent home on their Parole; I think it will be of advantage to our Cause.

Mr. Babcock will wait on you, who is a good friend to our cause and would be glad to take Mr. Wing, (1) to Albany. I see no harm in his being sent. I am with the greatest respect your

Humbl servt,

JACOB BAILEY.

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(1) Abraham Wing was a prisoner taken at Ticonderoga.—ED.

Thursday, Novr 27, 1777.

[P. 248.] Resolved, That George King Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, be and hereby is Impowered & directed to remove the files and records of said Court now at Exeter, to the Town of Portsmouth as soon as he can conveniently perform the same.

Resolved, That the Naval officer for the port of Piscataqua, be and hereby is directed to collect & receive for the use of this State all the Powder & Powder money that shall become due to this State from foreign vessells entering the Port of Piscataqua in this State, according to the Laws of this State, and pay the same into the Treasury every three months. [Concurred.]

[P. 252.] Friday, Novr 28, 1777.

An Act to prevent the transfer or conveyance of the estates and property of all such persons who have been apprehended upon suspicion of being guilty of treason, misprision of Treason or other inimical practices, respecting this State, the United States, any or either of them, & also for securing all Lands within this State as well as of such persons as have traitorously deserted or may have gone over to or in any way or manner joined our enemies, as of those who belong to or reside in Great Britain—was read a third time & passed to be enacted. [Concurred and enacted.]

[P. 253.] The Committee to take under consideration the Petition of Richard Jordan, Report as their opinion,

That this State lend the said Jordan two hundred pounds for the term of two years without interest for an encouragement to carry on the Paper business within this State, his giving good security for the same: Tho' provided, the Mill be not compleated within one year from this time, he to pay lawful Interest from the time of receiving the money—all which is humbly submitted.

Signed— Mattw Patten, Chairman.

Which Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

[P. 255.] Voted, That the Adjutant General appointed by the State have the rank of Colonel.

Saturday, Novr 29th, 1777.

Voted, That each member of the Honbl Council, & of the house be furnished with a printed copy of all the Acts &

Laws of this State, as soon as conveniently can be done after they are printed, and that the Committee of Safety take order therefor accordingly.

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} George King Esq. & Capt. Thomas Martin be a Committee to inspect the press and see the Notes printed for the Treasurer to issue, in lieu of the Bills of the Long-form, and to deliver the same to the Treasurer when struck off.

[P. 234.] [*Abstract of the proceedings of the House and Council (not included in the foregoing record) from the 19th to the 29th of November*, taken in order from the Records of the Council, pp. 234–254.—Ed.]

1777, Nov. 19. Vote for censuring the conduct of John Paul Jones, commander of the armed ship Ranger in preventing the Brig^{e} Mary, John Barrere master, from sailing on her intended voyoge.

Petition of Joseph Badger concerning land in Gilmanton—a hearing granted.

A Committee appointed to nominate Civil officers.

Capt. Titus Salter's pay roll allowed, £163 : 1 : 5.

Capt. Eliphalet Daniel's pay roll allowed, £111 : 3 : 0.

Acc^{t} of Josiah Jones for boarding soldiers, allowed £9 : 7 : 8.

Acc^{t} of Capt. Francis Blood for supporting sick soldiers, £14 : 13 : 3, paid.

A joint committee to consider of some method to supply the families of soldiers, gone in the army.

Vote giving leave to the Snow York, Ebenezer Brown master, & the Brig^{e} Helena, Samuel Gill master, to sail from the port of Piscataqua on their destin'd voyages.

Nov. 20th. A Joint Committee to consider the petition of the officers of the Matross Companys at Portsmouth.

Nov. 21st. An Act passed to enable the Congregational and Presbyterian Societies in the town of New Market to settle & maintain the Gospel ministry, &c.

Staff Roll of Col. Thomas Stickney, £253 : 13 : 6, and his ration roll, £162 : 5 : 8, allowed & paid.

Officers who draw money out of the Treasury in behalf of their men, required to give bonds.

The agents for the State appointed to prosecute counterfeiters, allowed to receive out of the Treasury £200, to be accounted for.

The Staff Roll of Col. Moses Nichols, £230 : 4 : 6, allowed also his ration roll, £178 : 18 : 0.

The pay roll of Capt. Stephen Dearborn, £577 : 8 : 4, allowed.

Acct. of Col. David Hobart, £292 : 13 : 2, and also the pay Roll of Capt. Edward Elliot, £378 : 9 : 4 allowed.

Muster rolls of Col. Enoch Hale, settled.

Acc^{t} of George King, Esq. £5 : 4 : 3, allowed.

Vote to raise £40,000 State Tax on polls and estates, for the current year; and that collectors receive all bills of this State in payment of taxes, but that paper bills shall not be legal tender for *debts* after the first day of March next ensuing, except bills under the denomination of one dollar.

Andrew Aiken, a soldier, allowed monthly wages to date, and also 30*s* for his doctor's bill.

Guards to be placed at the Goals and powder house.

Nov. 22^d, Edward Waldo, a wounded soldier, allowed two months wages, £16:4. Abner Gage, a wounded soldier, allowed 42*s*. for doctor's bill, & £23, wages.

Ship Arnold allowed to sail from Piscataqua. *Embargo taken off from all vessels in the harbor.*

Col. Ashley's muster roll settled. Col. Badger's and Lt. Col. Ebenezer Smith's muster rolls, pd. a balance of £78:16.

Acct. of Peter Woodbury, £3:17:4, allowed.

Capt. Joshua Bailey's pay roll, £400:8, allowed.

Capt. Ben^a Sias' several rolls allowed, Viz:

£387:3:7, also £87:14:8, and £29:2:6.

Public Thanksgiving recommended by Congress, to be observed.

Nov. 24. Pay roll of Capt. Christopher Webber, £327:16:8, allowed.

Nov. 25. Committee appointed to consider the wages of members of the two houses.

Nov. 26. Jacob Elliot, allowed £9:18, for wounds in battle and physician's bill.

Col. Gorden Hutchins acc^t. £6:15:1, paid.

Bills of the long-form, to be brought in and burnt.

Capt. Joseph Barrett's pay roll, £88:15 allow'd & paid.

The wages of the House, Council and Com^tee of Safety settled: viz. 4*d* per mile for travel, and 12*s* per day, attendance for the two houses; and 14*s* per day for Com^tee of Safety.

Vote, giving Abraham Wing a prisoner, leave to return home to Canada.

Salary of Chief Justice of the Sup^r. Court, for one year, £200.

Salary of *puisne* Justices of s^d Court, for one year, £120.

Salary of the Secretary, one year, £120.

Acct. of Lt. Col. Joseph Hammond, £2:7:6, allow'd & paid.

Nov. 27. Acc^t of Col. Samuel Ashley for ferriages for his Regiment, allow'd, £3:19:6.

Staff roll of Col. Ashley, allow'd, £50: 18: 4.

John Smith permitted to exchange a five pound note, defaced, for a good one.

Acts passed.

To supply the Treasury with £40,000.

To vest the property of a certain tract of land in Goffstown, to Silas Hedges, his heirs & assigns.

Making a New Proportion for a State Tax.

Prohibiting Vendues (in certain cases.)

Explaining an Act against Forgery.

To Incorporate the town of Moultonborough.

To Incorporate the town of New Hampton.

To repeal two certain Acts against monopoly and oppression.

To repeal a clause in the Maritime Act.

Resolve for supplying the families of soldiers in service.

Rations allowed the officers of the Matross companies.

Wages to the Matross company, the same as in the Continental service.

Ichabod Fisher, allow'd £18, for loss of a horse & saddle in the army.

Pay roll of Capt. Samuel McConnell, all^d £708: 6: 5.

Pay roll of Col. Benj^a Bellows, all^d £1016: 5: 5.

Col. Moses Kelley to receive £60 for purchase of clothing for prisoners in Amherst Goal.

Nov. 28th—Rev. Isaac Mansfield, pd £4, for chaplain in the House.

Rob^t Thompson, constable of Londonderry, pd. £4 : 1 : 6, for bringing George Wood to prison.

Prison-keepers in Counties of Rockingham and Strafford, allowed 20*s* per week, for each State prisoner.

Rev. Ezra Stiles,(1) pd. 30*s*. "for praying with the General Assembly."

Rev. Daniel Rogers, pd £4. "for his good services" as chaplain.

Pay roll of Capt. Kimball Carlton, £380 : 1, allow'd.

Acc^t of William Elliot, £5: 1: 0 allowd & paid.

Acc^t of John Wentworth, jun., for drawing bills, all'd & pd. £6.

Exchange of counterfeit bills with Samuel Cutts and Capt Titus Salter, permitted to be made by the Treasurer.'

Sam^l Dudley, paid 42*s*. for a load of wood.

Acc^t of Dea. Isaac Williams, allow'd—£3: 15: 6.

Elihu Stevens of Claremont, appointed Justice of the Peace for Cheshire Co.

Clerk of the Assembly, allow'd 18*s*. per day, and assis^t clerk 3*s* per day over & above his wages as a member of the house: And the Secretary of the Council, 6*s* per day, also 6*s*. as Secretary for the Com^{tee} of Safety.

Acc^t of Dea. Samuel Brooks, for room, fire wood & candles, for the Council & Com^{tee} of Safety, 163 days, allowed £24 : 9.

Acc^t of Dr. Joseph Barns, for medicines for Col. Nahum Baldwin's Reg^t all^d £5: 9: 11.

Pay roll of Lt. Col. Ebenezer Smith, all^d £126: 14: 6.

Muster roll of Capt. Thomas McConnell, for five men, allow'd, £22: 10.

Nov. 29. Wyseman Clagett, Attor. Gen. to receive £40, out of the Treasury, to be accounted for.

Roll of Col. Benj. Bellows, £974: 16. allow'd.

Jonathan Piper, door keeper to the house, all'd, £6 : 18.

Acts Passed.

For sinking the Bills of Credit of this State.
For continuing in force two Laws, which were temporary.
In Addition to the valuation Act for making rates &c.
To prevent the transfer of Estates, by suspected persons.

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(1) Rev. Ezra Stiles, at first pastor of a church in Newport, R. I., preached in the North Church in Portsmouth, in 1777, and was thence called to the Presidency of Yale College.—Ed.

Resolve to enable the Superior Court to sustain Actions pending at the Court in Amherst, before adjournment, but not decided.

Order for the Secretary to draw for services 35 Dollars.

Voted, That this House (having finished the business of this Session,) be and hereby is DISSOLVED.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO MATTERS THAT TRANSPIRED BETWEEN NOV. 1, AND DECEMBER 17th 1777.

Letter from Col. Jacob Bailey, relating to suspected persons.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 249.]

Newbury 5th Novr 1777.

DEAR SIR—We have taken up Nathan Noyes who is lately from Onion River, being examined saith, That he was there in company with one Pritchet and Rugles who went through Orford about 6 weeks ago, and Pritchet left a horse and money at John Man's (Rugles left his, I suppose, at Case's) Pritchet's business is into Canada to get a Commission for a Privateer now fitting out at Portsmouth, under pretence of going in our service; other things very criminal Pritchet is guilty of; Mr. Man must be privy to it. An order will come by Goodhue for the horse and money; he shall be seized upon when he comes over, which will be soon. We must examine into the matter soon,—as Pritchet may come some other way and clear himself of us; I should be glad to see you but cannot leave home at present. We must send to Exeter after examination of the matter.

I am, Yours, &c.
JACOB BAILEY.

P. S. Noyes is come and cannot come down; so you will act privately in the matter first and examine whether a horse is at Man's or not or at Case's.

To Israel Morey, Orford.

Upon examination of Mr. Man we find ye horse with him & no money, and likewise a horse at Case's.

I. MOREY.

Resolves of Congress, for taking possession of the Passes on the North River.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 239.]

In Congress, Novr 5, 1777.

Resolved, That General Washington be informed that it is the earnest wish of Congress to regain the possession of the Forts & passes of the North or Hudson's River, & to secure the communication thereof; & for that purpose that General Gates should remain in command in that quarter & that General Putnam be called upon to join the main army with such a detachment from the army under the command of General Gates, as General Washington may think can be spared, not exceeding the number of two thousand five hundred, including Col. Morgan's corps.

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That the Governor & Council of the State of New York be requested to appoint a Committee of three active & judicious persons to assist General Gates in obtaining such artificers & materials for accomplishing these purposes as he shall direct; & the said Committee are impowered to apply to the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York & New Jersey for their assistance, who are requested to afford the same, by furnishing the said Committee with such artificers & materials as they by direction of General Gates shall apply for; & the said States are respectively requested to furnish such a number of men as General Gates shall apply for, to accomplish the important & salutary purpose of maintaining the communication between the Northern & Southern States by keeping possession of the North River.

That General Gates be authorised & directed to apply to the State of New York & the States Eastward of North River for such aids as he shall judge necessary for the reduction of Ticonderoga & Fort Independence, if not reduced by General Starks, at such time as he shall deem best adapted for that expedition; & that the said States be requested to supply General Gates with such a number of their militia, as he shall judge necessary for the purpose intended.

Extracts from the minutes.

Cha^s Thomson, Sec^y.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 259.]

A letter from Col. Israel Morey, dated Orford, Nov. 8, 1777, relating to the delay of his regiment to join the main army under General Gates, in which he says, "I heartily congratulate with you on the success of our Northern army under General Gates,—which acquired much honor, tho' much I think is due to brave General Stark and men under his command, by whose bravery the first fatal stroke was given to Burgoins army."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 265.]

Letter from Geo. Jona. Trumbull of Connecticut, Nov. 10, 1777, relating "to the subject of the Circulating medium." He says "The credit of the Continental Currency requires the attention of Congress, and all the States, to render the same a stable & just measure. Without it, all must be in confusion."

Hon. Meshech Weare.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 267.]

Articles of agreement between the Board of War of the United States on the one part, and Nicholas Toquett, & Mark Toquett, of France (father & son) on the other part, relating to the manufacture of powder in the States, dated Nov^r 17, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 275.]

A Letter from Col. Joseph Senter, dated Warwick, Nov^r 18, 1777, giving an account of the failure of the expedition (or the deferring of it) against Newport, Rhode Island.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 295.]

A Circular from Richard Peters, Sec^y of War, dated Nov^r 25, 1777, requiring a list of officers furnished by New Hampshire for the Continental service.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 301.]

Resolve of Congress, Dec^r 3^d 1777, for calling in all the bills outstanding emitted under the King's Government.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 313.]

A Letter from Henry Laurens, President of Congress, recommending laws to be enacted to prevent, if possible, the depreciation of the Paper currency, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 317.]

Letter from Gen. Heath to Meshech Weare, Esq. directing that the Canadian prisoners in New Hampshire, be sent to Albany, under the care of Major Torrey.

Resolves of Congress relating to the prosecution of the war.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 287.]

In Congress, Nov. 22^d, 1777.

Pursued by the injustice & the vengeance of Great Britain, these United States have been compelled to engage in a bloody and expensive war. Amidst every distress that may befal them, it will be their consolation to appeal to heaven for the rectitude of their measures, since they have had recourse to arms, not from ambition or the lust of power, but to resist actual invasion & boundless rapine, and to secure the common rights of human nature, the blessings of freedom & safety.

Aided by venal foreigners and some of the traitors, the war has been prosecuted by our implacable foes with the utmost force & vigour, & aggravated by more than savage barbarity. Congress, nevertheless, supported by the confidence of their fellow citizens without burthening them with taxes or pecuniary contributions, have hitherto raised all the necessary supplies on the public faith.

To maintain our fleets and armies, large sums have been emitted in bills of credit, and the same method has been embraced by the respective States to answer their internal wants. By these expedients, our paper currency notwithstanding the solid basis on which it is founded, is multiplied beyond the rules of good policy; no truth being more evident, than that where the quantity of money of any denomination exceeds what is useful as a medium of commerce, its comparative value must be proportionably reduced. To this cause, conspiring with the arts of our open & secret enemies, the shamefull avidity of too many of our professed friends, & the scarcity of foreign commodities, are we to ascribe the depreciation of our currency. The consequences to be apprehended are equally obvious & alarming. They tend to the depravity of morals, the decay of public virtue, a precarious supply for the war, debasement of the public faith, injustice of individuals & the destruction of the honor, safety & independence of the United States. Loudly therefore are we called upon to provide a seasonable & effectual remedy.

Blessed be God, they are not irremediable: The means of repressing them are still in our power. Let the virtuous patriots of America reflect on the inestimable value of the prize for which we are contending. Hitherto spared from taxes, let them now with a cheerful heart contribute according to their circumstances:—Let the sordid wretches who shrink from danger & personal service, & meanly prefer their own inglorious ease and emolument to the good of their country, be dispised, and their ill-gotten wealth be abhorred as a disgrace:—Let the extortioners & oppressors be punished; the secret traitors be dragged to light; the necessities of the army attended to & relieved, & the quantity of money in circulation be reduced; & we shall soon see the public credit fully established, & with the continuation of the Divine favor, a glorious termination of the present arduous conflict.

To promote these great & salutary purposes, Congress upon mature deliberation & with the most earnest solicitude recommend the following propositions to the Legislatures of the respective States, to be immediately carried into effect.

1st Resolved, That it be most earnestly recommended to the respective States to raise, in the course of the year 1778, commencing on the first day of January next by quarterly payments, the sum of five millions of dollars, by taxes to be levied on the inhabitants of the respective states in the proportion following: viz,

New Hampshire	200,000	Dollars
Massachusetts Bay	820,000	Do.
Rhode Island & Providence Plantation	100,000	Do.
Connecticut	600,000	Do.
New York	200,000	Do.
New Jersey	270,000	Do.
Pennsylvania	620,000	Do.
Delaware	60,000	Do.
Maryland	520,000	Do.
Virginia	800,000	Do.
North Carolina	250,000	Do.
South Carolina	500,000	Do.
Georgia	60,000	Do.
	$5,000,000.	

That the sums assessed to be raised, shall not be considered as the proportion of any State, but being paid into the Treasury shall be placed to their respective credit, bearing an interest of six pr Cent per annum, from the time of payment, until the quotas shall be finally ascertained & adjusted by the Congress of the United States, agreeable to the confederation hereafter to be adopted & ratified by the several States. And if it shall then appear, that any State is assessed more than its quota of the said tax, it shall continue to receive interest on the surplus; & if less, it shall be charged with interest on the deficiency, untill by a future tax, such surplus or deficiency shall be properly adjusted.

2. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Legislatures of the several States to refrain from further emissions of bills of credit, & where there is a sufficient quantity of Continental bills of credit for the purposes of a circulating medium, forthwith to call in by loans or taxes & to cancel all the paper money, small bills for change under a dollar excepted, which such State has already emitted; and for the future, to provide for the exigencies of war and the support of Government by taxes to be levied within the year, or such other expedient, as may produce a competent supply.

3d. And, whereas the obstruction of the course of justice in any State may not only prove injurious to its citizens, but also to the circulation & credit of the currency of such State & of the United States:—

Resolved, Therefore, That it be recommended to the several States forthwith to take effectual care that justice be duly administered within their respective jurisdictions, as well for the recovery of debts, as for the punishment of crimes & misdemeanours; provided that no suit or action shall be maintainable for the benefit of the enemies of these United States.

4. And whereas advantages have arisen from the establishment of Continental loan-offices, on which Congress continue to place great dependence: in order therefore as far as it is practicable to ascertain the supplies for the war, which may be raised in the several States upon loan-office Certificates:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Legislatures, or in the recess of any of them, to the Executive Authority of the respective States to cause subscriptions to be opened under the inspection of one or more respectable citizens within each town or district specifying the names of the lenders & the sums they are willing to lend; & that a copy of such subscription papers shall from time to time be sent to the respective commissioners of the said loan-offices & by them transmitted to Congress; provided that no certificate shall issue for less than two hundred dollars.

5. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Legislatures, or in their recess to the executive power of the respective States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island & Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Delaware respectively, to appoint Commissioners to convene at New Haven in Connecticut, on the 15th day of January next; and to the States of Virginia, Maryland & North Carolina respectively to appoint Commissioners to convene at Freckericksburg in Virginia, on the said 15 day of January; & to the States of South Carolina & Georgia respectively to appoint Commissioners to convene at Charlestown on the 15 day of Feby next, in order to regulate & ascertain the price of labour, manufactories, internal produce & commodities imported from foreign parts, (military stores

excepted;) & also to regulate the charges of inn-holders; & that on the report of the Commissioners, each of the respective Legislatures enact suitable laws, as well for the enforcing the observance of such of the regulations as they shall ratify, & enabling such innholders to obtain the necessary supplies, as to authorize the purchasing Commissaries of the army, or any other person whom the Legislatures may think proper to take from any engrossers, forestallers or other persons possessed of a larger quantity of any such commodities or provisions than shall be competent for the private annual consumption of their families, & who shall refuse to sell the surplus, at the prices to be ascertained as aforesaid, paying only such price for the same.

6. And in order to introduce immediate economy in the public expence, the spirit of *sharping* & extortion, & the rapid & excessive rise of every Commodity being confined within no bounds, & considering how much time must unavoidably elapse before the plan directed by the preceding resolution can be carried into effect:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the respective Legislatures of the United States without delay, by their separate authority, to adopt & effectually enforce a temporary regulation of the prices of provisions & other commodities for the supply of the army, in such manner, as they shall judge reasonable, & to continue in force, until the general regulation before proposed shall be adopted.

7. And whereas, notwithstanding the large quantities of clothing which have seasonably been ordered from Europe for the armies of the United States, such have been the obstructions from a variety of causes, that an adequate supply hath not been imported, and it is become necessary that immediate provision should be made to defend the troops from the inclemency of the winter, and to prevent future disappointments of the like nature, and that for this purpose the several States should be called upon for assistance:

Resolved, therefore, that it be earnestly recommended to the several States from to time, to exert their utmost endeavours to procure in addition to the allowance of cloathing heretofore made by Congress, Supplies of blankets, shoes, stockings, shirts and other cloathing for the comfortable subsistence of the officers & soldiers of their respective battalions; and to appoint one or more persons to dispose of such articles to the said officers & soldiers in such proportions as the general officers from the respective States commanding in such army shall direct, and at such reasonable prices as shall be assessed by the cloather-General or his deputy, & be in just proportion to the wages of the officers & soldiers,—charging the surplus of the cost to the United States; and all cloathing hereafter to be supplied to the officers and soldiers of the continental army out of the stores of United States, beyond the bounties already granted, shall be charged at the like prices, the surplus to be defrayed by the United States: Provided, that effectual measures be adopted by each State for preventing any competition between their purchasing agents, who are severally directed to observe the instructions of the respective States relative to the prices of cloathing purchased within such State.

8. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the several States as soon as may be to confiscate and make sale of all the real and personal estate therein, of such of their inhabitants and other persons

who have forfeited the same, and the right to the protection of their respective States, and to invest the money arising from the sales in Continental loan office Certificates, to be appropriated in such manner as the respective States shall hereafter direct.

Extract from the Minutes,

CHA^s THOMSON, SEC^y.

Letter from Selectmen & Committee of Londonderry, relative to Col. Holland. [No date.]

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 305.]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire, now conven'd at Exeter in said State:

GENTLEMEN—We the subscribers selectmen & Committee of Safety for the Town of Londonderry, begs leave to inform your Honours that upon Con^{l}. Folsom's informing us of Con^{l} Holland's escaping out of Goal, we have taken all possible pains to find him by searching his own house and several other houses that we suspected he might be lurking in, and by sending men to all the Ferries on Merrimack River from Andover up to Amoskigg falls, to prevent his getting over, and last Saturday night we set guards on the leading Roads from sun down on said evening, until sun rise next morning, to prevent his getting out of said town, and we have also kept a guard round his house night and day ever since his escape, and intends to continue said guard untill we hear from your Honours. We think his Estate ought to be secured by your order untill his person be found; but this we humbly submitt to your Honours wisdom; as it is very expensive at this season of the year to keep a guard, we would be glad your honours would consider the contents of the above as speedily as possible, and take order on the same—Whilst we are your Honours most humble servants.

JOHN MOORE } Clerk to the Selectmen

JOHN AIKEN, } Chairman to the Committee.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 307.]

To the honourable the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire, now conven'd at Exeter in said State:

GENTLEMEN—Agreeable to your orders, we have taken an Inventory of Con^{l} Holland's personal estate, and have taken Bonds in a sufficient sum that said Bonds-men will be forth coming for said personal estate, when call'd for by the Selectmen and Committee of Safety of this town; but notwithstanding our care, a great many valuable things was carryed off.

We have taken all care possable to procure evidences against Mr. Vance's aiding and assisting Con^{l} Holland's making his escape; and as we know not what is best to Do with said Vance, we send him down to your Honours with the evidences against him by the bearer—which is all humbly submitted.

We are your Honours most humble servents,

JOHN AIKEN } Chairman for the Committee.

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety at Exeter—

GENTLEMEN—There being a suspicion that Mr. William Vance of this town, was aiding and assisting to Coll. Holland in making his escape from the hands of Justice, as he was seen in Haverhill walking the Streets, and not upon Business upon Friday last, we apprehended & examined him, but could receive no satisfaction;—therefore thought proper to confine him to his farm, untill we can get farther intelligence of the matter.

We wait, Gentlemen, for your advice on what must be done with him.

JOHN MOOR—select-clark.
JOHN AIKEN, Chair^{n} for Com.

Resolves of Congress, in relation to an enterprise under General Stark, for the destruction of the fleet at St. John's.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 309.]

In Congress, Dec^{r} 3^{d} 1777.

Whereas the surprising and Destroying the Enemy's shipping at St. John's & elsewhere on Lake Champlain, during the winter, is an enterprise of the utmost importance, & of which there is the greatest prospect of success, provided it can be conducted with prudence, resolution and secresy:

Resolved, That the Hon^{bl} James Duane, Esq^{r} be authorized and directed in a personal conference to communicate the enterprise to Brigadier Gen^{l} Stark, who is appointed to the command, and to consider with him of the best and most practicable means for its accomplishment.

That Brigadier Gen^{l} Stark be authorized with the utmost secresy, to select or raise a competent number of volunteers for this service, & to receive from the commanding officer of the Northern department a sufficient quantity of Military stores, carriages & provisions; or if more convenient, to hire carriages & to purchase provisions, & that the sum of five thousand dollars for those and other contingent expenses, be advanced out of the Military chest in the said Department, to him or his order, for the expenditure whereof he is to be accountable.

That if the Enterprise should be successful the sum of twenty thousand Dollars shall be paid to the said Gen^{l} Stark & his officers & men, to be divided among them in proportion as the pay of Continental officers & privates bears to each other as a reward for their services & in full satisfaction of all wages and claims; or in such proportion more advantageous to the privates as the Gen^{l} & his officers shall ascertain. But if stipulated wages should be preferred to the chance of such reward, the Gen^{l} shall be at liberty to retain the officers and men at double continental pay & rations during the expedition, in consideration of the inclemency of the season & the importance of the service.

That Gen^{l} Stark be enjoin'd to keep secret the said enterprise & not to communicate it untill the nature of the operations shall render it necessary.

That a warrant in the words following & subscribed by the President shall be transmitted to Gen^{l} Stark, viz.

In Congress, York town, 3^d^ day of Dec^r^. 1777.

Whereas Brig^r^ Gen^l^ Starks is appointed to command & direct a secret expedition during the winter reason,

You are therefore directed & required upon his order to supply him with such sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars & such carriages, military stores & provisions as he may require, taking his vouchers for the same & for which he is to be accountable.

By order of Congress,

To the commanding officer, Pay Master,
Gen^l^ Q^r^ Master, & commissaries of Stores
& Provisions in the Northern Department.

That if from any unforeseen accident Gen. Starks should be unable or unwilling to engage in the said enterprise, the commanding officer in the Northern department be, in such case, directed & authorized to appoint some other Brave & Diligent officer to the said command, & that the officer so commanding shall have the same powers & with the officers & men the same reward & pay as are before proposed.

That all officers in the service of the United States be required, and all civil Officers & others requested to give every aid & assistance in their power for forwarding & securing the success of the said Enterprise.

. Extract from the Minutes.

C. T. Sec^y^.

In Congress, Dec^r^ 4, 1777.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the legislatures of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut & New York, to take effectual measures for the preservation of all pine timber growing within their respective territories, which may be suitable & usefull for masts, or other purposes of navigation & for preventing any waste & Destruction of that valuable kind of timber.

Extract from the Minutes

CHA^s^. THOMSON, Sec^y^.

Letter from Londonderry relating to one Robert Fulton.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 319.]

Londonderry, 9 Dec^r^ 1777.

To the Honourable y^e^ Committee of Safety for y^e^ State of New hampshire—Greeting:

Whereas we the subscribers had a Complaint exhibited for us against Robert Fulton, aleaging him guilty of holding a treasonable Correspondence w^h^ the Enemy at New York & elsewhere, the Testamoney of Mr. Jas. Bois & others, together with his own past conduct Demonstrated to us that he was guilty & a dangerous person to the Libertyes of the Commonwealth as far as his abilitys will admitt him. In duty to our country we sent s^d^ Fulton to Exeter, expecting he would be confin'd with the other traitors there untill acquitted by an Impartial tryal by the Country. We are credably inform'd that he & his Son Robert has subscribed Tho^s^ Gage's Asotiation Paper;—of the certainty you may be informed pr. Dr. Hedges; Last sumer he went off in order to get to the British troops, but could not get to them as may apear pr. Elisabeth Adams & Rodolphus Green; at the time of Concord battle he cursed the country people for Rebells and hoped they would be cut in peaces that went to opose the Regulars; his third son lately found in arms at the surrender of Burgoin, and complain'd to Rob^{t} McGregore Esq^{r} y^{t} he could not get Liberty to stay at home.

In fine, we believe y^{t} with the assistance of his acomplices he subverted the truth & caused y^{e} Honourable Commitee to believe a lie, when they admited him to take the oath of Fidelity to the States. We believe he would not stop to sware any thing to sute his turn; we leave the matter with your Honnours and remain as in Duty bound, True Friends to the United States of America.

John Moor John Gilmor John Nesmith Thomas Wallace, jun^{r}	Select men.	John Aiken Will^{m} Wallace Matthew Miller Jonas Adams Jonathan Gillmer Robert Holms Daniel Hunter Rob^{t} Smith	Comittee.

Letter from General Poor(1), relating to the condition of the New Hampshire troops.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 323.]

Camp at the Gulph, 15 miles from Philadelphia,
December 7th, 1777.

Sir—Inclosed is the account of the goods sent by Mr. Nichols; the money I have sent by Mr. Emery to Discharge the same; the Enemy are hous'd in the Citty of Philadelphia; we shall march in a few days to Valley Forge, which is about twenty miles from the Citty, there to build hutts out of the standing trees for winter Quarters,—which I am sure will take four or five weeks to cover ourselves. Did you know how much your men suffered for want of shirts, Britches, Blankitts, Stockens & shoes, your hart would acke for them. Sure I am that one third are now suffering for want of those Artickels, which gives the soldier great Reason to complain, after the incurigement given by the State to supplie those of its Inhabeutents who should engage in their servis.

But their is another curcumstance more alaruming still; that is, when you Ingaged your men to serve for three years or during the war, they ware promised a certaine sum for their servises; your State at the same time fixed a reasonable price upon such artickels as the country produs'd and which they *new* their Familys must be supplied with, which would but bearly support them at those prices. But soon after they left Home it seems by sum means or other the contract on the side of the State was brocken, and those very artickles which their familys must have or suffer rose four or five hundred pr cent, soldiers wages remain the same. How can it be expected that men under these curcumstances can quietly continue to undergo every hardship and Danger which they have been and are still Exposed to? and what is more distressing is, their daily hearing of the sufferings of their wives and children at home.

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(1) Gen. Enoch Poor was of Exeter, son of Thomas Poor, of Andover, Mass. He was appointed Colonel of one of the N. H. Regiments, in 1775. [See Vol. VII. p. 483.] In 1779, he accompanied General Sullivan in his expedition to Western New York, against the Indians. In 1780, he commanded a Brigade under Maj. Gen. La Fayette. He was a brave and prudent officer. He died in New Jersey, Sept. 8, 1780, aged 43. See Abbott's Hist. of Andover, pp. 26, 27. Coll. of Farmer & Moore, Vol. II., pp. 165, 166. A fine portrait of him is suspended in the Representatives Hall, Concord.—Ed.

I don't wright this by way of complaint, but do wish that sum mode may be hit upon that the familys of those in servis may be supplied, or I fear we shall have many of our best officers resign, and many soldiers desert, for no other reason than to put themselves in a way to support their familys or shear with them in their sufferings; and should that be the case I fear the consequences. I am, Sir, your most obedient,

Humb^{l} serv^{t}

Enoch Poor.

400 Pr shoes at	10*s*=	£200: 0
30 Pr. Britches,	3*s*=	45: 0
20 Pr. Stockens	9*s*	9: 0
		£254: 0

Mr. Tho^{s} Odiorn.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 259.] Journal of the proceedings of the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their first session begun and holden at Exeter on the 17th day of December, Anno Domini 1777, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th 1777.

The House proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and the Ballots being taken it appeared that the Hon^{ble} John Langdon, Esq^{r} was chosen Speaker, who being absent, the House proceeded and chose John Dudley Esq^{r} Speaker pro Tempore of this House, who accordingly took the chair.

Voted, That Noah Emery Esq^{r} be clerk of this House.

Voted, That Mr. John Smith be Assistant clerk of this house.

Adjourn'd to Friday next, 2 o'clock, P. M.

[Representatives for 1777-8, copied from a MS. vol. in the Sec^{ys} office, containing lists of Representatives from 1775 to 1782.]

List of the Members of the Honourable House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their first Session begun and held at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December, being the 17th day of said month, Anno Domini 1777.

Towns.	Names.	Distance.	Days attendance.	Wages.
Portsmouth	The Honbl. John Langdon	14	8	£5:14:8
	George Gains, Esq.	14	12	8: 2:8
	Samuel Cutts, Esq.	14	12	8: 2:8
Exeter	Thomas Odiorne, Esq.	—	15	9: 0:0
	Sam'l Hobart, Esq.	2	15	9: 5:4

Towns.	Names.	Distance.	Days attendance.	Wages.
Londonderry	John Pinkerton, Esq.	24	18	£8:12:0
	John Gilmore	20	13	8: 9:4
Chester	John Webster, Esq.	16	12	8: 5:4
	Robert Wilson, Esq.	14	15	10: 8:0
Stratham	Simon Wiggin, Esq.	4	15	9:10:8
Kensington	Eben'r Potter	4	16	10: 2:8
Brintwood	Sam'l Dudley, Esq.	5	15	9:13:4
Kingston & E. Kingston	Sam'l Philbrick, Esq.	5	15	9:13:4
Northampton	Dr. Levi Dearborn	6	11	7: 8:0
New Market	Capt. Samuel Gilman	6	14	9: 4:0
Hampton-falls	Henry Robie	7	14	9:18:8
Hampton	Josiah Moulton, Esq.	8	18	8:17:4
Epping	Capt. Daniel Gordon	7	13	8:14:8
Greenland	Joshua Haines	10	7	5: 4:0
S. Hampton & Newtown	Capt. Eliph't Merrill	10	13	9: 2:8
Rye	Nathan Goss	12	15	10:12:0
Nottingham	Thomas Bartlett, Esq.	12	6	4:
Sandown & Hawke	David Tilton	10	15	10: 6:8
Newington	Rich'd Downing, Esq.	15	10	8:
Hampstead	Capt. John Calfe,	17	15	11: 5:4
Raymond & Poplin	John Dudley Esq.	18	18	11: 8:0
Atkinson & Plaistow	Nath'l Peabody, Esq.	18	17	10:16:0
Salem	Jeremiah Dow	23	17	10:19:4
Deerfield & Northwood	Jere: Eastman, Esq.	22	12	7:18:8
Candia	Moses Baker, Esq.	22	5	3:14:8
Epsom, Chichester & Allenstown	Jno. McClary, Esq.	25	16	10: 8:8
Wyndham	James Betton, Esq.	28	16	10:10:8
Pelham	James Gibson, Esq.	35	18	8:19:4
Pembroke	—— —— ——	—	—	
Bow & Dunbarton	Jeremiah Page, Esq.	47	12	8:10:8
Concord	Col. Thomas Stickney	40	16	10:18:8
Canterbury & Loudon	Sam'l Chamberlain	35	16	10:15:4
New Castle	Capt. John Blunt	17	12	8: 6:8
Lee	Hercules Mooney, Esq.	13	12	8: 1:4
Durham	Mr. John Smith	12	15	(1) 12:17:0
DOVER	Jno. Wentworth, jr. Esq.	18	15	9:12:0
"	Capt. Caleb Hodgdon	18	—	- - -
Summersworth	Mr. Paul Wentworth	24	15	9:16:0
Rochester	James Knowlton, Esq.	25	16	10: 8:8
Barrington	James Marden	25	18	11:12:8
Wakefield, Middleton & Leavittstown	Nath'l Balch	50	18	9: 9:4
Meredith & Sanbornton	Eben'r Smith, Esq.	52	15	10:14:8
Gilmanton & Barnstead	John Tasker, Esq.	36	18	12: 0:
Sandwich, Tamworth & Moultonborough	Bradb'y Richardson Esq.	70	10	8: 6:8
New Durham, the Gore & Wolfeborough	Tho's Tash, Esq.	8?	15	10: 1:4
Litchfield & N'm West	James Underwood, Esq.	35	7	5: 7:4
Merrimack & Bedford	Capt. Sam'l Patten	35	18	11:19:4
Derryfield & Goffstown	Moses Kelley. Esq.	35	18	11:19:4
Dunstable	Jona. Lovewell, Esq.	40	12	8:10:8
Holles	Stephen Ames	44	12	8:13:4
AMHERST	Moses Nichols, Esq.	42	19	12:16:0
"	Josiah Crosbie	42	18	12: 4:0
Weare	Sam'l Caldwell	52	18	12:10:8
Hopkinton	Capt. Step'n Harriman	50	18	12: 9:4
New Boston & Francestown	Archib'd McMillan	50	18	12: 9:4

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(1) This sum includes 3s, per day as assistant clerk.—ED.

Towns.	Names.	Distance.	Days attendance.	Wages.
Wilton, Lyndesboro', &c.	Abiel Abbot, Esq.	54	12	£0:11:4
New Breton, Warner, Perrys'n & Fisherfield	[Not represented]			
Temple & Peterboro'	Jotham Blanchard	65	14	10:11:4
Salisbury & Boscawen	—— ——			
Mason & Raby	Amos Dakin	58	15	10:18:8
New Ipswich	Nath'l Stone	60	15	11:
Heneker, Hillsboro' &c	Capt. Jos. Symonds	65	11	8:15:4
Dublin, Monadnock, No. 5,	Benja. Tucker	75	15	11:10:0
Rindge Jaffrey & Peterbor' Slip	William Smiley	74	18	13: 4:0
Packersfield Stoddard & Gilsum	Joseph Rounseval, Esq.	85	15	11:16:8
Swansey & Fitzw'm	Capt. John Mellin	88	12	10: 2:8
KEEN	Timo. Ellis, Esq.	88	11	9:10:8
Marlow, Surry & Alstead	Abraham Kingsbury	102	6	7: 0:0
Westmoreland	Eben'r Brittin	96	10	9: 4:0
Winchester	Capt. Reuben Alexander	114	18	14:12:0
Hinsdale & Chesterf'd	Michael Cressey	114	16	13: 8:0
Richmond				
Walpole				
Charlestown	Wm. Heywood, Esq.	114	9	9: 4:0
Claremont	Elihu Stevens, Esq.	127	3	6: 0:8
Acworth, Lempster, Saville, Croydon, Unity Newport	Benja. Giles, Esq.	128	18	15: 1:4
Rumney, Holdeness Campton & Thornton	Dan'l Brainerd Esq.	94	18	13:18:8
	Noah Emery, Clerk			14: 8:0
[No other towns represented.]				

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

At the first session of the Council and Assembly began and held at Exeter on Wednesday the 17th of December, 1777, the following persons were returned to serve as members of the Council for the year ensuing, viz.

The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq^{r} Josiah Bartlett, Esq^{r} Nicholas Gilman, Esq^{r} George King, Esq^{r} Timothy Walker, Esq^{r}	For the County of Rockingham
John Wentworth, Esq^{r} Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r}	For the County of Strafford.
Jonathan Blanchard, Esq^{r} Matthew Patten, Esq^{r}	For the County of Hillsborough.
Samuel Ashley, Esq^{r} Benjamin Bellows, Esq^{r}	For the County of Cheshire

[No returns from the County of Grafton.]

Friday, Dec^{r} 19th 1777.

Voted, That John Wentworth jun. Esq. Col^{o} Nichols & Mr. Downing be a Committee to draw up & present to this house such rules as are necessary to be observed by this house for the regulation & expediting the business of the house & to lay the same before the house as soon as may be.

Voted, That no member of this house in future be paid for travel any further than to & from the place of his residence.

Hon. Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. was made choice of [by joint ballot.] for Secretary of State for the ensuing year.

Saturday, Dec^{r} 20th 1777.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

[P. 261.] Upon Report of the Committee—

Voted, That the Rules passed by the last house, numbered from one to thirteen inclusive, as recorded in the Journal Book, page 50 and 51, be adopted as rules for the regulation & expediting the business of the house together with the following additional Rules:

14. No member speaking by leave shall be interrupted by another, but by rising up to call to order, or correct a mistake.

15. No member shall nominate more than one person for one Committee, provided the person by him first nominated be chosen.

16. No bill shall be sent to the Board, without notice thereof first being given to the house by the Speaker, & also the Title thereof being first read.

17. That no member be on more than two Committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

18. That every member having been present at a Debate, and the vote thereon being challenged, shall be obliged when called upon by the Speaker to vote on one side or the other of a Question, unless special reason be assigned to the contrary—the validity of which reasons shall be determined by the house.

Voted, That the forementioned Rules be transcribed and posted up in some conspicuous part of the house.

[P. 262.] [Upon report of a joint Committee]

Voted, That The Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Ebenezer Thompson, Josiah Bartlett, Nicholas Gilman, Jonathan Blanchard, Nath^{l} Peabody, Thomas Odiorne, John Dudley, John M^{c}Clary George Gains, Josiah Moulton, John Wentworth, jun. and Benjamin Giles, Esq^{rs}—be appointed a Committee of Safety, until another Committee be chosen in their stead,—any seven of whom to be a quorum to do business.

Voted, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Cresey, Mr. Mellin be a Committee with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall appoint to consider of the address of the Committee of Safety of Chesterfield, & report thereon:

Address or Petition of the Committee of Safety in Chesterfield, in relation to certain suspected persons.

(Extract) [State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 321.]

To the Honourable Court of the State of New hampshire:

"The Committee of Safety of Chesterfield humbly sheweth this Hon^{bl} House, that whereas sundry Persons, viz. Ebenezer Harvey, Elezor Pomroy and Sam^{l} King, all of Chesterfield abovs^{d}, were som time in June last summoned to appear before the Court of Enquiry at Keen as being Enemical to the United States of America, and upon tryall were found guilty of a misdemeanour against the State;—on which account they were fined & confined to their farms by Bond till that or som other Court or authority should set them at Liberty;—upon which they or som of them Beg'd the Favour of s^{d} Court, that they might have y^{e} Liberty of taking the Oath of Fidelity to the States; on which accompt, Esq^{r} Gyles went Emediately to Exeter as we have been informed and procured said oath or form of it, and sent to us by Sheriff Cook of Keen, and our Direction was to take a justice of the Peace and tender s^{d} Oath to those confined persons, to y^{e} end they might take it and performe accordingly and be at Liberty; and we followed the Directions of Esq^{r} Prentice & Esq^{r} Wyman; the aforemention'd confined persons said they were willing to take y^{e} said oath if it came from lawful authority; but they Disputed y^{e} authority and paid no regard to Esq^{r} Prentice Letter, which was to take the Oath of fidility and be set at Liberty; and as they were fully fixed in princi*pal* or will, they apply'd to Justice Baldwin and he liberated them. Again they apply'd to Esq^{r} Wyman and notwithstanding they neglected to take the oath, he, said Justice, enlarged their bonds just so far as to serve their own turns;—all which was contrary to y^{e} advice of the Comitte, except they would take y^{e} oath of Fidelety to the States, and their bond are just so far enlarged as to serve their own turns; and when called upon to do any publick service they say that they are confined;—and so are excused—all which gives great uneasiness to many steady friends to America. * * * *

"We do therefore pray your Honours to take these things into your wise consideration and Dismis or Confine the abov mention'd persons, and that they be subjects of their duty and servis in y^{e} defence of our much oppress'd Land."

SAM^{l} FAIRBANK
ELISHA ROCKWOOD } Comitte of Safety
JAMES ROBERTSON

Chesterfield, December y^{e} 13th, 1777.

To the Hon^{ble} Court or Comite of
Safety of this New Hampshire State.
(a Copy near similer to the former petition.)

Test—Sam^{l} Fairbank, Chairman.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 327.]

Letter from Gov. Cooke of Rhode Island, Dec. 17th, 1777, asking continued military aid from New Hampshire, saying, "There are now in the harbor of Newport Twenty ships, Frigates & Sloops of war—eight of which are of the line. Lord Howe in the Eagle of 64, together with the Bristol of 50 Guns, were expected there yesterday, and we suppose arrived, as there were a very considerable number of cannon fired, wch we imagine was a Salute to the Flag.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 331.]

Letter from John Robertson, prisoner in Exeter Goal, Decr 15, 1777, asking liberty to go home on bail, saying, "Suppose I happened to goe astray once by foolishness and bad advice; which I am very sorry for it;—but hope I will be wiser for the time to come."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 348.]

Letter from Henry Laurens, Prest of Congress Dec. 23, 1777, communicating Resolutions of Congress to counteract the evils growing out of the avarice of many of the people—a disposition to "build vast fortunes on the destruction of the liberties of the western world."

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 353.]

In answer to Gov. Cooke's request for aid, Mr. Weare, Pres. of the Council, wrote Decr 26, 1777, "In consequence a resolution passed for raising & equipping 200 men as soon as possible, to march to Providence, to assist in the defence of your State, for the term of one year if wanted."

Tuesday, December 23d, 1777.

In the Committee of the whole:

The Honbl Meshech Weare in the chair, proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred, and after some time spent thereon, the Committee came to the following Resolution & report:

That two hundred men, including officers be forthwith raised & equipt for the present defence of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations, to be in that service untill the first day of Jany, 1779;—unless sooner discharged, & to be raised by voluntary enlistment, and to serve wherever they shall be ordered within the States of New England or New York: That each non-commissioned officer & soldier receive a bounty of six pounds each on their Enlistment, & fifteen Dollars pr month wages, one months wages to be advanced them on their passing muster, to be divided into four Company's to be officered by one Captain, one Lieutenant & one Ensign—to be commanded by a Lieut. Colonel: the Commissiond officers to be paid their wages according to the Continental establishment & the non-commission'd officers to be paid the same sums above the privates as in the Contenental Estab-

lishment; that before they march they receive three pence per mile for their travel to Providence.

The said report being considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted.

[P. 265.] Wednesday, Dec^{r} 24, 1777.

Voted That Mr. Wiggin, Mr. Gains & Mr. Gilman with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall join be a Committee to take into consideration the Letters and other papers receiv'd from Gen^{l} Sullivan & report thereon—[Concurred, Messrs Bartlett & Blanchard added.]

Certificate relating to General Sullivan in the battle of Brandgwine.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 215.]

October 23^{d} 1777.

Since the battle of Brandywine, I have been sorry to hear very illiberal complaints thrown out against the conduct of Maj^{r} General Sullivan. As I was present during the whole action, and being obledg'd from my situation, with Lord Sterling, to be near Gen^{l} Sullivan, of course I had an opportunity of discovering such specimens of courage as could not escape the attention of any one. 'Tis with greatest pleasure as well as justice to his character, I can declare that his uniform bravery, coolness & Intrepedity, both in the heat of Battle, rallying & forming the Troops when broke from their ranks, appeared to me to be truly consistent with, or rather exceeded any idea I had ever of the greatest soldier.

EN^{o} EDWARDS, A. D. C.
to Major Gen^{l} Lord Sterling.

Indorsed—" Certificate of
Maj. Edwards, No. 29."

Letter from General Sullivan, in vindication of himself, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 243.]

Camp at Whitemarsh, Nov. 5th, 1777.

MUCH ESTEEMED SIR—

When I reflect on the many obligations I lay under to the State of New Hampshire, for having often entrusted me with every thing that Freemen hold dear, I cannot content myself without accounting to them for every part of my conduct, & removing from their minds every unfavorable impression which the tongue of slander may have made; It is for this purpose I have taken the freedom to lay before the General Assembly of that State, all the evidence relative to my conduct on Staten Island, with the proceedings & Result of the Court of Inquiry. I have also inclosed copies of all my letters to Congress both before & after the tryal which will render it unnecessary for me to make any comment on the evidence, or the usage I have received. The papers

relative to this tryal are numbered from one to twenty inclusively. The tongue of slander once let loose seldom seeks repose; it attacked me again with redoubled fury after the battle of Brandywine. This procured a vote of Congress to suspend me from the service, before I knew the former resolution had taken place. To clear up the matter I inclosed Congress the papers numbered from 20 to 30, which I apprehend fully convinced them of the injustice done me by the voice of calumny; my enemies not yet satiated represented to Congress my want of military abilities, & the want of confidence in my officers & soldiers; This produced my fourth letter to Congress inclosing the papers numbered from 30 to 41; I think I did not inclose the whole as they were not then all ready. Those you will find contain addresses from all the officers I have on the ground, except some part of Hazen's Regiment, which may easily be accounted for when it is known that Major Taylor commands the Regiment, it will be found by the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry, that Major Taylor moved for postponing the inquiry, for want of three absent witnesses;—viz. Col° Hall, Col° Stone & Major Forrest; as I know this was only to work a delay, I granted him, that if they were present they would say the same as himself; though I knew that if they were present, they would be material witnesses in my favor. Col° Hall has since returned to camp & says he could not attempt to support his assertions, and the other gentlemen have declared the same to others; & I will even venture to own myself guilty whenever he can procure either of those gentlemen to corroborate his testimony. Under this concession I went to trial, and the Result was what the nature of the evidence promised. I need make no comment upon his testimony; it need only be compared with his letter. The difference in them plainly shews how he was obliged to depart from the letter to prevent being detected; but in this he did not succeed as the proceedings of the Court fully show. If the evidence I do myself the honor to inclose the General Assembly fully convinces them of my having been attacked without cause, they will do me the greatest honor I could wish for in having them published with this letter, in such manner as they may think proper. The three last papers numbered 42, 43 & 44, I would not wish to have published, as they only discover what I would willingly for the sake of my country conceal from the world; however they may show the motives which induced some persons to proceed against me. In my first letter to Congress I have appealed to the officers who have formerly been under my immediate command. I am happy in the reflection that those officers live in your quarter, many of them holding high military offices in the State of New Hampshire, Massachusetts & Connecticut;—To them I again appeal for the justice of my assertions in my letter to Congress. I beg that the Honorable Assembly of New Hampshire, for which I have so great respect & to which I feel so many obligations, will not think amiss of my requesting Congress to permit me to retire from the army. The three last papers will convince them of the Reasons. I know by my own feelings & the history of mankind, that I am in common with them liable to many errors, & it must be miraculous if I escape them all;—and there remains no doubt in my mind, that the first error must end in my ruin; though I have satisfied Congress & the Court of Inquiry respecting my conduct, yet my enemies have only retired to seek some new advantage, & the first erroneous steps I take they will pursue with all the cruel hate of prevailing cowards, till they have answered their purpose. This alone induced me to make this request, that I might never fall under the odium of that country which I have ever strove to support & maintain. To this request, Congress have as yet given me no answer.

Dear Sir,—I cannot help observing that though the enclosed testimonies make it clear, that when my own Division forsook me, I joined myself to the two remaining Divisions & fought till I could not get a man to stand by me longer, & when those also retired I did not make that an excuse for quitting the field myself, but immediately took *Weedens?* Brigade to a proper post to cover the Retreat of our Army, and with them fought till night. In the last action my horse was shot under me. Though this appears clearly from the testimony of Col° Pinkney, Lauren & Hamilton of Gen^l^ Washington's own family, & from Major Telureys testimony, as well as many others, that I had the whole weight of the fire through the day, yet Congress voted to give the same Major Telurey a horse ready accoutred, in lieu of a Continental horse he had shot under him, for his bravery; & though I lost the best horse in America, they have not taken the least notice of it. This however just, would be too severe to publish to the world at this time.

Yrs. most respectfully,

Jn° Sullivan.

P. S. The paper No. 44, proves an inattention which as in my letters I have studiously concealed it from Congress, I wish to hide it from the world.

If the assembly should do me the honor to order my papers published, you would oblige me much by adding the address of the Canada officers to me, which may be found in the Newspapers of August or September, 1776.

J. S.

With the highest esteem & respect, your most obed^t^ servant,

Jn° Sullivan.

Hon^bl^ John Langdon Esq^r^.

[p. 266.] An Act [entitled an Act for continuing in force a certain Act entitled an Act for taking up & imprisoning or otherwise restraining persons dangerous to this State, was read a third time & Passed to be enacted.(1)

[In Committee of the whole, Dec. 24, 1777.]

According to the order of the day, the whole Council & house being resolved into a Committee to Nominate proper persons for delegates for this State to the Continental Congress, and a Treasurer for this State, and also to consider of the Letters & resolves of Congress & Articles of Confederation of the United States of America, lately received from Congress, and to report thereon, the Hon^ble^ Meshech

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(1) See Record of Acts in Secretary's office, 1777.—Ed.

Weare in the Chair, proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred and after some time spent thereon came to the following resolution and Report:

That the Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett & William Whipple Esq^{rs} are nominated by joint ballot for Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for the ensuing year, or untill they shall be relieved by others to be appointed in their stead; also, That Nicholas Gilman Esq^{r} is nominated by joint ballott for Treasurer of this State for the ensuing year; That An Act be passed to ascertain what persons shall be excluded from the benefit of the Laws of this State; That persons be appointed in the Several parts of this State to receive subscriptions for monies to be lent into the Continental Loan office; That two Commissioners be sent from this State to meet Commissioners from the other States at New Haven in Connecticutt agreeable to the fifth article of [P. 267.] the resolves of the Continental Congress of the 22^{d} of Nov^{r} last, to regulate the prices of labour &c. &c; That some person or persons be appointed to purchase up as many hatts, shirts, Breeches, shoes & stockings, as they can procure for the use of our Battalions; That An Act be passed for confiscating the Estates of all such persons as have rendered themselves unworthy of the Protection of this State: That the Articles of Confederacy be printed forthwith & Dispersed to y^{e} number of 250.

The Committee then Dissolved and the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the said Report being read & considered,

Voted, That the Same be & hereby is rec^{d} & accepted.

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION.(1)

To all to whom these presents shall come, we, the undersigned, delegates of the States affixed to our names, send greeting:

Whereas, the delegates of the United States of America in Congress assembled, did, on the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and in the second year of the Independence of America, agree to certain articles of confederation and perpetual Union between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, in the words following, viz:—

Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

ARTICLE 1. The style of this confederacy shall be, "The United States of America."

ARTICLE 2. Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States in Congress assembled.

ARTICLE 3. The said states hereby severally enter into a firm league of friendship with each other for their common defence, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare; binding themselves to assist each other against all force offered to, or attacks made upon them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretence whatever.

ARTICLE 4. The better to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship, and intercourse among the people of the different states in this Union, the free inhabitants of each of these states, paupers, vagabonds and fugitives from justice, excepted, shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of free citizens in the several states; and the people of each state shall have free ingress and regress to and from other states, and shall enjoy therein all the privileges of trade and commerce subject to the same duties, impositions, and restrictions, as the inhabitants thereof respectively, provided that such restrictions shall not extend so far as to prevent the removal of property imported into any state to any other state, of which the owner is an inhabitant; provided also, that no imposition, duties, or restrictions, shall be laid by any state on the property of the United States or either of them.

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(1) These articles, which were manifestly forwarded to New Hampshire, are not found among our files; they are therefore copied from a standard work called "Statesman's Manual," Vol. I, pp. 1-7, published by Edward Walker, New York, 1849.—ED.

If any person guilty of or charged with treason, felony, or other high misdemeanor, in any state, shall flee from justice, and be found in any of the United States, he shall, upon demand of the governor or executive power of the state from which he fled, be delivered up and removed to the state having jurisdiction of his offence. Full faith and credit shall be given in each of these states to the records, acts, and judicial proceedings of the courts and magistrates of every other state.

ARTICLE 5. For the more convenient management of the general interests of the United States, delegates shall be annually appointed in such manner as the legislature of each state shall direct to meet in Congress on the first Monday in November, in every year, with a power reserved to each state to recall its delegates or any of them, at any time within the year, and to send others in their stead for the remainder of the year.

No state shall be represented in Congress by less than two, nor by more than seven members; and no person shall be capable of being a delegate for more than three years in any term of six years; nor shall any person being a delegate, be capable of holding any office under the United States for which he, or another for his benefit, receives any salary, fees, or emoluments of any kind.

Each state shall maintain its own delegates in a meeting of the states, and while they act as members of the Committee of the states.

In determining questions in the United States in Congress assembled, each state shall have one vote. Freedom of speech and debate in Congress shall not be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Congress; and the members of Congress shall be protected in their persons from arrests and imprisonments, during the time of their going to and from and attendance on Congress, except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace.

ARTICLE 6. No state, without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled shall send any embassy to, or receive any embassy from, or enter into any conference, agreement, alliance, or treaty, with any king, prince, or state; nor shall any person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States, or any of them, accept of any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state; nor shall the United States in Congress assembled, or any of them, grant any title of nobility.

No two or more states shall enter into any treaty, confederation, or alliance whatever, between them, without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled, specifying accurately the purposes for which the same is to be entered into and how long it shall continue.

No state shall lay any impost or duties, which may interfere with any stipulations in treaties entered into by the United States in Congress assembled, with any king, prince, or state, in pursuance of any treaties already proposed by Congress to the courts of France and Spain.

No vessel-of-war shall be kept up in time of peace by any state, except such number only as shall be deemed necessary by the United States in Congress assembled for the defence of such state or its trade; nor shall any body of forces be kept up by any state in time of peace, except such number only as in the judgment of the United States in Congress assembled, shall be deemed requisite to garrison the forts necessary for the defence of such state; but every state shall always keep up a well-regulated and disciplined militia, sufficiently armed and accoutred, and shall provide and have constantly ready for use, in public stores, a due number of field-pieces and tents, and a proper quantity of arms, ammunition, and camp equipage.

No state shall engage in any war without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled, unless such state be actually invaded by enemies or shall have received certain advice of a resolution being formed by some nation of Indians to invade such state, and the danger is so imminent as not to admit of a delay till the United States in Congress assembled can be consulted; nor shall any state grant commissions to any ships or vessels-of-war, nor letters of marque or reprisal, except it be after a declaration of war by the United States in Congress assembled, and then, only against the kingdom or state, and the subjects thereof, against which war has been so declared, and under such regulations as shall be established by the United States in Congress assembled, unless such state be infested by pirates, in which case vessels of war may be fitted out for that occasion, and kept so long as the danger shall continue, or until the United States in Congress assembled shall determine otherwise.

ARTICLE 7. When land forces are raised by any state for the common defence, all officers of or under the rank of colonel, shall be appointed by the legislature of each state respectively, by whom such forces shall be raised, or in such manner as such state shall direct, and all vacancies shall be filled up by the state which first made the appointment.

ARTICLE 8. All charges of war, and all other expenses that shall be incurred for the common defence or general welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be defrayed out of the common treasury, which shall be supplied by the several states in proportion to the value of all land within each state granted to or surveyed for any person, as such land and the buildings and improvements thereon shall be estimated according to such mode as the United States in Congress assembled shall from time to time direct and appoint. The taxes for paying that proportion shall be laid and levied by the authority and direction of the legislatures of the several states, within the time agreed upon by the United States in Congress assembled.

ARTICLE 9. The United States in Congress assembled shall have the sole and exclusive right and power of determining on peace and war, except in the cases mentioned in the sixth article—of sending and receiving ambassadors—entering into treaties and alliances; provided that no treaty of commerce shall be made whereby the legislative power of the respective States shall be restrained from imposing such imposts and duties on foreigners as their own people are subject to, or from prohibiting the exportation or importation of any species of goods or commodities whatsoever—of establishing rules for deciding in all cases, what captures on land or water shall be legal, and in what manner prizes taken by land or naval forces in the service of the United States, shall be divided or appropriated—of granting letters of marque and reprisal in times of peace—appointing courts for the trial of piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and establishing courts for receiving and determining finally appeals in all cases of captures: provided, that no member of Congress shall be appointed a judge of any of the said courts.

The United States in Congress assembled shall also be the last resort on appeal in all disputes and differences now subsisting or that hereafter may arise between two or more states concerning boundary, jurisdiction, or any other cause whatever; which authority shall always be exercised in the manner following: whenever the legislative or executive authority or lawful agent of any state in controversy with another shall present a petition to Congress, stating the matter in question, and praying for a hearing, notice thereof shall be given by order of Congress to the legislative or executive authority of the other state in controversy, and a day assigned for the appearance of the parties, by their lawful agents, who shall then be directed to appoint by joint consent commissioners or judges to constitute a court for hearing and determining the matter in question; but if they cannot agree, Congress shall name three persons out of each of the United States, and from the list of such persons each party shall alternately strike out one, the petitioners beginning until the number shall be reduced to thirteen; and from that number not less than seven nor more than nine names, as Congress shall direct shall, in the presence of Congress, be drawn only by lot; and the persons whose names shall be so drawn, or any five of them, shall be commissioners or judges, to hear and finally determine the controversy, so always as a major part of the judges, who shall hear the cause, shall agree in the determination: and if either party shall neglect to attend at the day appointed, without showing reasons which Congress shall judge sufficient, or being present shall refuse to strike, the Congress shall proceed to nominate three persons out of each state, and the secretary of Congress shall strike in behalf of such party absent or refusing; and the judgment and sentence of the court to be appointed in the manner before prescribed, shall be final and conclusive, and if any of the parties shall refuse to submit to the authority of such court, or to appear, or defend their claim or cause, the court shall nevertheless proceed to pronounce sentence or judgment, which shall in like manner be final and decisive, the judgment or sentence and other proceedings, being in either case transmitted to Congress, and lodged among the acts of Congress for the security of the parties concerned: provided, that every commissioner, before he sits in judgment, shall take an oath, to be administered by one of the judges of the supreme or superior court of the state, where the cause shall be tried "well and truly to hear and determine the matter in question, according to the best of his judgment, without favor, affection, or hope of reward:" provided also, that no state shall be deprived of territory for the benefit of the United States.

All controversies concerning the private right of soil, claimed under different grants of two or more states, whose jurisdiction as they may respect such lands and the states which passed such grants are adjusted, the said grants or either of them being at the same time claimed to have originated antecedent to such settlement of jurisdiction, shall, on the petition of either party to the Congress of the United States, be finally determined, as near as may be, in the same manner as is before prescribed for deciding disputes respecting territorial jurisdiction between different states.

The United States in Congress assembled shall also have the sole and exclusive right and power of regulating the alloy and value of coin struck by their own authority, or that of the respective states—fixing the standard of weights and measures throughout the United States—regulating the trade and managing all affairs with the Indians not members of any of the states; provided that the legislative right of any state within its own limits be not infringed or violated—establishing and regulating post offices from one state to another throughout all the United States, and exacting such postage on the papers passing through the same, as may be requisite to defray the expenses of the said office—appointing all officers of the land forces in the service of the United States excepting regimental officers—appointing all the officers of the naval forces, and commissioning all officers whatever in the service of the United States—making rules for the government and regulation of the said land and naval forces, and directing their operations.

The United States in Congress assembled shall have authority to appoint a committee to sit in the recess of Congress, to be denominated a committee of the states, and to consist of one delegate from each state; and to appoint such other committees and civil officers as may be necessary for managing the general affairs of the United States, under their direction—to appoint one of their number to preside, provided that no person be allowed to serve in the office of president more than one year in any term of three years—to ascertain the necessary sums of money to be raised for the service of the United States, and to appropriate and apply the same for defraying the public expenses—to borrow money or emit bills on the credit of the United States, transmitting every half year to the respective states an account of the sums of money so borrowed or emitted—to build and equip a navy—to agree upon the number of land forces, and to make requisitions from each state for its quota, in proportion to the number of white inhabitants in such state, which requisition shall be binding; and thereupon the legislature of each state shall appoint the regimental officers, raise the men, and clothe, arm, and equip them, in a soldier-like manner, at the expense of the United States; and the officers and men so clothed, armed, and equipped, shall march to the place appointed, and within the time agreed on by the United States in Congress assembled: but if the United States in Congress assembled, shall, on consideration of circumstances, judge proper that any state should not raise men or should raise a smaller number than its quota, and that any other state should raise a greater number of men than the quota thereof, such extra number shall be raised, officered, clothed, armed, and equipped, in the same manner as the quota of such state, unless the legislature of such state shall judge that such extra number cannot safely be spared out of the same; in which case they shall raise, officer, clothe, arm, and equip, as many of such extra number as they judge can be safely spared. And the officers and men so clothed, armed, and equipped, shall march to the place appointed, and within the time agreed on by the United States in Congress assembled.

The United States in Congress assembled shall never engage in a war, nor grant letters of marque and reprisal in time of peace, nor enter into any treaties or alliances, nor coin money, nor regulate the value thereof, nor ascertain the sums and expenses necessary for the defence and welfare of the United States or any of them, nor emit bills, nor borrow money on the credit of the United States, nor appropriate money, nor agree upon the number of vessels of war to be built or purchased, or the number of land or sea forces to be raised, nor appoint a commander-in-chief of the army or navy, unless nine states assent to the same; nor shall a question on any other point, except for adjourning from day to day, be determined, unless by the votes of a majority of the United States in Congress assembled.

The Congress of the United States shall have power to adjourn to any time within the year, and to any place within the United States, so that no period of adjournment be for a longer duration than the space of six months; and shall publish the journal of their proceedings monthly, except such parts thereof relating to treaties, alliances, or military operations, as in their judgment require secresy; and the yeas and nays of the delegates of each state on any question shall be entered on the journal, where it is desired by any delegate; and the delegates of a state, or any of them, at his or their request, shall be furnished with a transcript of the said journal, except such parts as are above excepted, to lay before the legislatures of the several states.

Article 10. The committee of the states, or any nine of them, shall be authorized to execute, in the recess of Congress, such of the powers of Congress as the United States in Congress assembled, by the consent of nine states, shall from time to time, think expedient to vest them with; provided that no power be delegated to the said committee, for the exercise of which, by the articles of confederation, the voice of nine states in the Congress of the United States assembled is requisite.

Article 11. Canada, acceding to this confederation, and joining in the measures of the United States, shall be admitted into, and entitled to, all the advantages of this Union; but no other colony shall be admitted into the same unless such admission be agreed to by nine states.

Article 12. All bills of credit emitted, moneys borrowed, and debts contracted, by or under the authority of Congress before the assembling of the United States, in pursuance of the present confederation, shall be deemed and considered as a charge against the United States, for payment and satisfaction whereof the said United States and the public faith are hereby solemnly pledged.

Article 13. Every state shall abide by the decision of the United States in Congress assembled, on all questions which, by the confederation, are submitted to them. And the articles of this confederation shall be inviolably observed by every state, and the Union shall be perpetual; nor shall any alteration at any time hereafter be made in any of them, unless such alteration be agreed to in a Congress of the United States, and be afterward confirmed by the legislature of every state.

And whereas it has pleased the great Governor of the world to incline the hearts of the legislatures we respectively represent in Congress, to approve of and to authorize us to ratify the said articles of confederation and perpetual Union; *Know ye*, that we, the undersigned delegates, by virtue of the power and authority to us given for that purpose, do, by these presents, in the name and behalf of our respective constituents, fully and entirely ratify and confirm each and every of the said articles of confederation and perpetual Union, and all and singular the matters and things therein contained; and we do further solemnly plight and engage the faith of our respective constituents, that they shall abide by the determinations of the United States in Congress assembled, on all questions which, by the said confederation, are submitted to them; and that the articles thereof shall be inviolably observed by the states we respectively represent; and that the Union be perpetual.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, in Congress. Done at Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, the ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and in the third year of the independence of America.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Josiah Bartlett,
John Wentworth, Jr.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

John Hancock,
Samuel Adams,
Elbridge Gerry,
Francis Dana,
James Lovell,
Samuel Holten,

RHODE ISLAND.

William Ellery,
Henry Marchant,
John Collins.

CONNECTICUT.

Roger Sherman,
Samuel Huntington,
Oliver Wolcott,
Titus Hosmer,
Andrew Adams.

NEW YORK.

James Duane,
Francis Lewis,
William Duer,
Gouverneur Morris.

NEW JERSEY.

John Witherspoon,
Nath. Scudder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdean,
Jonathan Bayard Smith,
William Chiegan,
Joseph Reed.

DELAWARE.

Thomas McKean,
John Dickinson,
Nicholas Van Dyke.

MARYLAND.

John Hanson,
Daniel Carroll

VIRGINIA.

Richard Henry Lee,
John Banister,
Thomas Adams,
John Harvie,
Francis Lightfoot Lee.

NORTH CAROLINA.

John Penn,
Constable Harnett,
John Williams.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Henry Laurens,
William Henry Drayton,
John Matthews,
Richard Hutson,
Thomas Heyward, Jr.

GEORGIA.

John Walton,
Edward Telfair,
Edward Langworthy.

Letter from Hon. Henry Laurens, President of Congress, relating to the Confederacy of the States.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 271.]

In Congress, Nov^r. 17, 1777.

Congress having agreed upon a plan of Confederacy for securing the freedom, sovereignty & independence of the United States, authentic copies are now transmitted for the consideration of the respective Legislatures.

This business equally intricate & important, has in its progress been attended with uncommon embarrassments & delays, which the most anxious solicitude and persevering diligence could not prevent. To form a permanent union, accommodated to the opinion & wishes of the delegates of so many states differing in habits, produce, commerce & internal police, was found to be a work, which nothing but time & reflection, conspiring with a disposition to conciliate, could mature & accomplish.

Hardly is it to be expected, that any plan in the variety of provisions essential to our union should exactly correspond with the maxims and political views of every particular State. Let it be remarked, that after the most careful inquiry & the fullest information, this is proposed *as the best* which could be adapted to the circumstances *of all*, & as that alone, which affords any tolerable prospect of a general satisfaction.

Permit me then earnestly to recommend these Articles to the immediate & dispassionate attention of the Legislatures of the respective States. Let them be candidly reviewed under a sense of the difficulty of combining in one general system the various sentiments & interests of a Continent divided into so many sovereign & independent communities; under a conviction of the absolute necessity of uniting all our councils & all our strength to maintain and defend our common liberties; let them be examined with a liberality becoming brethren & fellow-citizens surrounded by the same imminent dangers, and contending for the same illustrious prize; and deeply interested in being forever bound & connected together by ties the most intimate and indispensable: And finally, let them be adjusted with the temper & magnanimity of wise & patriotic legislators, who while they are concerned for the prosperity of their own more immediate circle, are capable of rising superior to local attachments, when they may be incompatible with the safety, happiness & glory of the general confederacy.

We have reason to regret the time, which has elapsed in preparing this plan for consideration. With additional solicitude we look forward to that which must be necessarily spent before it can be ratified. Every motive loudly calls upon us to hasten its conclusion.

More than any other consideration, it will confound our foreign enemies, defeat the flagitious practices of the disaffected, strengthen & confirm our friends, support our public credit, restore the value of our money, enable us to maintain our fleets and armies, & add weight & respect to our councils at home & to our treaties abroad. In short, this salutary measure can no longer be deferred. It seems essential to our very existence as a free people, & without it, we may soon be constrained to bid adieu to Independence, to liberty & safety—blessings, which from the justice of our cause & the favor of our Almighty Creator, visibly manifested in our protection,—we have reason to expect, if in an humble dependence on his Divine Providence we strenuously exert the means which are placed in our power.

To conclude—If the Legislature of any State shall not be assembled, Congress recommend to the executive authority to convene it without delay, & to each respective legislature it is recommended, to invest its delegates with competent power ultimately in the name & behalf of the States, to subscribe articles of confederation & perpetual union of the United States, & to attend Congress for that purpose, on or before the tenth day of March next.

By order of Congress.

HENRY LAURENS,
President.

The Honorable
Meshech Weare, Esquire.

Letter from Hon. Nath^l Folsom, relating to the foregoing articles of Confederation.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 283.]

York town, November 21st 1777.

DEAR SIR—

Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Confederation, the Eighth article of which respects Taxation, and has given me great uneasiness, as I cannot see any Justice in the Rule therein laid down, for proportioning the several States with the charges of the present war. In the first place, it appears to me that one third part of the wealth of the Southern States which consists in Negroes, is entirely left out, and no notice taken of them in determining their ability to pay taxes, notwithstanding it is by them that they procure their wealth; neither are we to have any advantage of them in proportioning the number of men to be drawn from the several States to carry on the war, that being fixed on the number of white inhabitants in each State, so that by their negroes being left at home, they can till their lands and get bread & riches, while some other States may be greatly distressed. In the next place, the wealth that is in some States more than there is in others, by no means fixes a proportionable Value on the Lands in such States,—which, if this be true, seems to prove that the plan laid down by Congress is not just: These are my own thoughts on this head; but refer you to your own better judgment on them. It seems to be the sense of Congress, that if any of the Articles of Confederation, should be thought hard of or unequal to any of the States, that they will make a representation of the same to Congress, with the reasons of their disapprobation to such articles, in order if possible to give satisfaction and ease to each and every of the States. The time fixed on for the several Legislatures, to determine on these great Points, is by some members thought too short; but I make no doubt but they will take as much time to deliberate thereon as may be thought just and necessary.

General Washington's head Quarters is at the Sixteen mile stone from Philadelphia, where it has been for a month past. Several strong detachments are further advanced; some at Germantown & a strong

Picquet at the Rising Sun 4 miles from Philadelphia; a considerable reinforcement from the Northern army are on their march, and in a few days it is expected they will join General Washington.

Whether any thing will be attempted or no is very uncertain. Yesterday we had an account that Fort Mifflin was evacuated; to day it is contradicted;—be it as it will, our people have maintained that Post with much gallantry and have harrassed the enemy greatly.

November 22d. The news to day is, That the enemy have marched fifteen hundred men in order to attack our people at Read-bank, and that General Washington's whole army are in motion, and that General Green's division had march'd to reinforce that Post: but this wants confirmation.

I am, Sir, with much respect,
Your Very humble servant,
NATH^l FOLSOM.

P. S. I hope I shall not be left
alone here this winter.
To the Hon. Meshek Weare, Esqr.

Thursday, Decr 25th, 1777.

Voted, That the Honbl Samuel Hale, Esqr be & hereby is appointed a justice of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham, & that he be commissionated accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 268.] Voted and Resolved, That the Honbl Josiah Bartlett Esqr and the Honbl William Whipple Esqr be & hereby are appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for the ensuing year, or untill they shall be relieved by others to be appointed in their stead, and that they set out so as to arrive at Congress by the tenth day of March next; and that upon their arrival they relieve the two other Delegates of this State now at Congress, (in such manner that two of the said Delegates be in Congress at the same time) and that in case of the death, incapacity, or absence of either of said two Delegates, the other have full power to represent this State. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Honbl Nicholas Gilman, Esqr be & hereby is appointed Treasurer & receiver General of this State for the year ensuing, and that he give bond to the Speaker of the Honbl House of Representatives with two sufficient Sureties in the Sum of one hundred thousand pounds, for the use of this State, for the faithful discharge of said trust. [Concurred.]

[P. 270.] P. M.

Voted, That no Deserters from Colo Stephen Evens' regiment be paid any wages at all.(1)

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(1) See *ante*, pp. 710, 711.—ED.

Friday, December 26th, 1777.

[P. 271.] On motion of Col° Stephen Evens,

Voted, That he be directed to pay off the rolls of those officers & soldiers of his regiment who came home on furlough, & those who staid out their time, the wages due to them, to such officer as makes up the rolls,—they giving security to pay agreeable to said rolls,—and that he stop the pay of all those who deserted, and that he as soon as may be render an account to the Gen^l Court or Committee of Safety of all the monies he received of the paymaster of the Continental troops, and of the monies paid by him to the officers & soldiers; and that he pay the ballance into the Treasury of this State as soon as may be. [Concurred.]

A resolve to enable Convicts to dispose of part of their Estates for certain purposes therein mentioned, was read & passed, & is on file. [See State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 303.]

[P. 272.] The Committee for nominating Commissioners to go to New Haven in Connecticut reported, That they recommend the Hon^{bl} Ebenezer Thompson, Timothy Walker, Jonathan Blanchard Esq^r and Nath^l Peabody, John Wentworth, jun. & George Gains, Esq^{rs} two of whom to be appointed Commissioners for that purpose—which report was received, & thereupon,

The votes of the House were called and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Hon^{bl} Jonathan Blanchard Esq. & Nath^l Peabody, Esq^r were chosen & appointed Commissioners for this State to go to New Haven in Connecticut, to join with Commissioners from the other States to endeavour a regulation of the prices of Labour &c. agreeable to the fifth article of the resolves of the Continental Congress of the Twenty second of November last; and to be at New Haven by the 15th day of January next. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col. Samuel Hobart have liberty to sell by retail, one barrell of the Salt petre in his hands belonging to this State, he to account therefor with this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 274.] *Directions for a free Representation.*

Saturday, Dec^r 27th, 1777.

Voted, That it be recommended to Towns Parishes & places in this State, if they see fit, to instruct their Representatives at the next session, to appoint & call a full & free Representation of all the people of this State to meet in Convention at such time & place as shall be appointed by the General Assembly, for the sole purpose of framing & laying a permanent plan or system for the future Government of this State. Sent up by Mr. Odiorne. (1)

Voted, That the following words be printed at the bottom of the Articles of Confederation, and before the vote of the General Court relative to instructing the Representatives, viz: "The foregoing Articles of Confederation as formed by the "Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress, are printed and to be dispersed throughout this State, That every person may give "their sentiment thereon, and the following vote of the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire is also published for the same purpose." Sent up by Mr. Ordiorne.

Voted, That Maj^{r} Stephen Peabody be and hereby is chosen & appointed Lieutenant Colonel to command the Regiment to be raised in this State for the imediate defence of Rhode Island. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, Dec^{r} 30th, 1777.

[P. 277.] Voted, That there be enlisted and kept up at the Forts on Piscataqua river near Portsmouth, fifty matrosses including officers, for one year next ensuing, unless sooner discharged, to be posted in the following manner, viz. Twenty five at Fort Washington, out of whom guards shall be appointed to secure the magazine at Portsmouth, and the other twenty-five at Fort Sullivan, out of whom guards shall be appointed to secure fort Hancock on Great Island; that fort Washington be commanded by Capt. Titus Salter & one Lieutenant; That fort Sullivan be commanded by Capt. Eliphalet Daniel with one Lieutenant; that the said Captains be paid eight pounds per month each & three Rations, and the Lieuts six pounds per month each & two rations, and that the Soldiers be paid three pounds per month wages; that one gunner, one gunner's mate, one drummer and fifer, two sargeants & two corporals be appointed to each company; that the Sargeants & gunner be paid three pounds eight shillings per month, and the gunner's mate, corporals, drummers & fifers be paid three pounds and four shillings per month during their services. [Concurred.]

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(1) It does not appear that this important measure was acted on by the Council during this session.—ED.

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[P. 278.] Voted, That Col^o Stephen Evans be forthwith sent for and ordered to appear before this House as soon as may be, to give his reasons why he has not paid off the Rolls of his Regiment, agreeable to the orders of this house.

The Committee of both houses appointed to consider of the case of the New York Tory prisoners at Amherst, made Report:

That they be imediately sent off under a Guard of a Sarg^t and six men, to the Executive authority of the State of New York: That Lieut. Col^o. Moses Kelley be desired to provide the said Guard: That such of the said prisoners as are in actual need of shoes, stock^{gs}, or cloathing for their march, be supplied by said Kelley, and that he draw a suitable sum for expence, & cloathing, he to be accountable; and that the Secretary be desired to write to the said Executive authority with the reasons for sending them, and inform them, that the accounts attending their safe keeping in this State will be transmitted in the recess of the General Assembly. Submitted

Matt^w Patten, for the Com^{tee}.

Which Report being read & considered,
Voted, That the same be rec^d & accepted.

[P. 279.] Wednesday, Dec. 31st 1777.

Voted, That the resignation of Wyseman Clagett Esq^r as Attorney General for this State be received & accepted. (1)
[P. 281.] The Committee on the motion of Doc^t. Richard Bartlett [of Pembroke relative to Guns] made Report:

That Dr. Richard Bartlett in behalf of the Selectmen of Pembroke, be allowed thirteen dollars for the use of thirteen guns, supply'd Capt. Daniel Moore, & also three pounds ten shillings & six pence for three Guns not returned, and that Capt. Daniel Moore be called upon to give an account of said guns, &c. which is humbly submitted.

Signed, Nich^s Gilman, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered,
Voted, That the same be rec^d and accepted, and further Voted, That the said Bartlett have & receive out of the Treasury ten Dollars more, for damages done to said guns and that the President give order of payment accordingly. [Concurred.]

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(1) Wyseman Clagett, Esq., was born in Bristol, England, August, 1721. Receiving a liberal education, he was admitted a barrister in the Court of King's Bench. He afterwards resided a while in the island of Antigua, where he was a notary public and secretary of the island. Coming to this country, and taking up his residence in Portsmouth, in 1758, he was appointed the King's Attorney. He married a beautiful young lady, Miss Lettice Mitchell, of Portsmouth. In the Revolution he took sides for liberty, and was one of the Council of Safety. Removing to Litchfield where he owned a farm, he often represented that and other towns in the vicinity. He died in Litchfield, December 4, 1784, aged 63 years and four months. See notices of him in Adams's An. of Portsm., p. 279; Brewster's Ramb. Vol. 2, pp. 231-236; Farm. & Moore's Hist. Col., Vol. 2, p. 145.—ED.

Thursday, January 1st, 1778.

[P. 283.] Voted, That the Enlisting officers for raising men for the imediate Defence of Rhode Island receive out of the Treasury two dollars per man for each good effective man they shall enlist for that service.

Voted, That Capt. Daniel Runnels of Londonderry, Capt. Meshech Bell of New Castle, Capt. Ebenezer Webster of Salisbury, & Capt. Ezekiel Gile of Plastow be appointed Captains of the four Companys to be raised for the imediate Defence of Rhode Island. [Concurred.]

Voted, That there be appointed to each of the Companys to be raised for the imediate defence of Rhode Island, two Lieutenants instead of a Lieutenant and an Ensign. [Concurred.]

[P. 284.] Upon report of a Committee—

Voted, The form of a Precept to Orford for a representative; and to incert in said precept, "That inasmuch as the other towns in the District with which Orford was connected had at a meeting convened for that purpose Voted not to join in sending a representative, that no other Precept shall issue to any other part of the said District for a representative to sit in the General Assembly." [Concurred.]

[P. 285.] Friday, Jany 2d, 1778.

Resolved, That the several officers commanding Regiments within this State do forthwith see that the orders heretofore issued for raising the Continental Battalions in this State be imediately complied with, and that the said officers make return of their doings in consequence hereof to the Committee of Safety of this State or to the General Court by the first day of their next session; And be it further resolved that the said officers be directed to call on the selectmen & Committees of Safety of the several delinquent towns & [P. 286.] places within this State for their assistance in filling up the said Battalions and in case any town or place shall neglect or refuse to compleat their proportion of men for filling up said Battalions by the time set for making return as aforesaid, the expense of raising such proportion shall be added to the next years Tax of such delinquent town or place, and the several muster masters & paymasters in this State are directed to muster and pay such men for the purpose aforesaid, first entering on the State notes in their hands one years Interest. [Concurred.]

Voted, That John Mills of Amherst, Joseph Thomas of Durham, John Kimball of Meredith, & Joseph French of Dunstable be appointed first Lieutenants of the four companies to be raised for the imediate defence of Rhode Island; and that Timothy Blake of Goffestown & Samuel Odlin of Exeter, and Samuel Dearborn of Epping, and Bracket Towle of Chester, be appointed second Lieutenants of the said four companies. [Concurred.]

[P. 287.] Whereas the Receiver General by Direction of this State is impowered to borrow certain sums of money for its use for one year at six per cent and to give his notes therefor, and as there is not money in the Treasury at this time to Discharge the said notes, nor the Interest becoming due on those notes issued for paying bounties to soldiers, which interest was promised to be paid annually, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Receiver General be and he is hereby fully authorized to promise compound Interest on such notes to the Possessors that are willing to wait one other year for payment.

The above vote of Council being sent down from the Hon^{bl} Board for concurrence was read, consider'd & concurr'd by the house.

Voted, That Col^{o} Samuel Ashley of Winchester be appointed first Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cheshire; That Benjamin Bellows Esq^{r} of Walpole, Col^{o} Samuel Hunt of Charlestown and Deacon —— Applin of Swansey be appointed Justices of the said Court. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r} be appointed a Commiss^{r} to go to New Haven in the room & stead of the Hon^{bl} Jonathan Blanchard, Esq^{r} who resigns that office. [Concurred.]

[P. 289.] Voted, That John Taylor Gilman be directed to purchase up all the Hatts, shirts, Breches, stockings & shoes, and other cloathing necessary for the soldiers of this State in the Continental army, and that he have liberty to employ such agent or agents as he shall find necessary in any parts of this State for that purpose. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^{o} Samuel Hunt of Charlestown be & hereby is authorized and Impowered to collect all the Stores of every sort belonging to this State that is or may be found within his knowledge, and to take care of the same; & such cloathing as are necessary for the soldiers of this State to transport to the army for the use of the said soldiery as soon as possible, and deliver the same to the Commissary of this State or to General Poor or such person as he shall order, taking a receit for the same from the person to whom delivered; and that he be directed to purchase as many of such necessaries for the said soldiers as he can procure & transport & deliver them as aforesaid & render an account thereof to this house or to the Committee of Safety as soon as may be, and that he be impowered to call upon & receive of Robert Mack eighty pounds which he received of the Treasurer of this State, to purchase Iron with for the use of this State. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Jan^{y} 3^{d}, 1778.

[P. 292.] Voted, That Mr. Thomas Odiorne be & hereby is appointed to take all the Acts & resolves of this house as soon as passed & get them printed & inspect the Press while printing, and that he cause to be printed a sufficient number of setts to furnish one for each member of the General Court & one for each town in this State.(1)

[P. 293.] [On report of a Committee] Voted, That Col^{o} Evans be directed to account with the Committee of Safety to their satisfaction for the whole of the money he received for the payment of the wages and rations of the Regiment lately under his command at the Westward; that he settle the same on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, & on his refusal or neglect so to do that the said Committee of Safety be authorized & directed to commit the said Col^{o} Evans to close Goal till he comply. [Concurred.]

Votes, acc^{ts}. petitions & Acts, &c. acted on by the house and concurred by the Council—from Dec^{r} 17, 1777, to Jan^{y} 3^{d}, 1778—not included in the foregoing Journal of the House. See Records of Council.

Paper bills of the long form ordered to be burnt.

Roll of Lt. Stephen Hoit, all^{d} & pd. £96:5:6.

Committee appointed to buy flour of John Noyes.

Roll of Capt. Nathan Ballard, all^{d} & pd. £165.

Roll of Capt. Philip Putnam, all^{d} & pd. £172:0:5.

A room provided for sitting of the Council in Exeter.

Petition of Willet Peterson, relating to a mortgage deed of land in Kingston given by him to James McMasters,—leave to bring in a bill.

Petition of Thomas Hall, praying his late guardians may be called to account—hearing granted.

Roll of Capt. Chase Taylor, of Gen. Stark's brigade, pd. £70:9:1.

Acc^{t} of Paul Dustin, a soldier, in Capt. McConnell's comp^{y} all^{d}. £5: 12: 8.

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(1) It does not appear that this vote was concurred by the Council.—ED.

Acc^t of Daniel Gould for boarding Charles Hanson, a sick soldier, all^d £6:2:0.

Order to pay David Lawler, a soldier in Quebec expedition, 1775, £4.

Roll of Capt. Amos Gage's Comp^y all^d & pd. £398:1:10.

Roll of Capt. Stephen Peabody's Comp^y, pd. £65:12:9.

Roll of Capt. Elisha Mack's Com^y in Gen. Stark's brigade pd. £253:1:5.

Roll of Do. Do. volunteers, pd. £217:3:8.

Roll of Capt. Waitstill Scott, pd. £462:17:7.

Roll of Capt. John Cole, pd. £258:17:10.

Petition of Reuben Tarbell referred to a Committee.

Resolve enabling persons convicted of capital crimes to sell real estate &c.

Petition of officers in Col. Evans regiment—referred to a Committee.

Vote to pay Ebenezer Blood whose son was killed at Bunker hill, £4:16, in full for his sons cloaths lost there.

Roll of Capt. Titus Salter's matross comp^y. pd. £168:2:8.

Roll of Capt. Jeremiah Dow, pd. £284:11:5.

Roll of Col. Jonathan Chase's Reg^t for reinforcing the Northern army £1337:3:8. allowed & pd. £1057:9:8.

Roll of Capt. Jeremiah Post, pd. £387:1:8.

Roll of Capt. Eliphalet Daniel for matross company, pd. £125:17.

Amos Peasley, messenger to Dover, pd. £4:10.

Roll of Capt. Joshua Hendee, all^d & pd. £411:7:5.

Roll of Capt. John Sloan, all^d & pd. £217:7:10.

Roll of Lt. Samuel Brown, pd. £309:1:10.

Acc^t of Ichabod Rollins settled & pd balance, £147:3:4.

Paid the balance of Hon. Josiah Bartlett's acc^t, as delegate in Congress, 1776, £101:14.

Advanced to Col^o Supply Clapp, £500, as agent victualler, to be accounted for.

£250 advanced to Col. Moses Kelley, for expense of tories &c. to be accounted for.

Roll of Capt. Joseph Hutchins, all^d & pd. £154:17:8.

Wages of members of the General Court—the same as last session. Also wages of Committee of Safety, as before.

Petition of persons in Pembroke to be set off to Col. Stickney's regiment—hearing granted.

An Act to encourage fair dealing & to restrain and punish sharpers and oppressors—enacted. [See records of Acts in Secretary's office, 1778.]

Maj. Abiel Abbot's acc^t. as muster master, £3080, settled.

Roll of Capt. Abiel Walker's comp^y, all^d & pd. to Maj. William Heywood, £360:8:4.

Acc^t of William Furbur, pd. £7:0.

Acct of Jonathan Piper for waiting on the Assembly, pd. £7:4:6.

Allowance to our delegates in Congress: 20*s* per day, and reasonable expences.

Jonathan Blanchard & Nathaniel Peabody, Esq^{rs}. allowed £50, each, as Commissioners to New Haven.

James Minor paid for ferriage of soldiers over Connecticut river £20:5:3. Also, Samuel Remington, for ferriage, allowed £17:7:9.

The House adjourned to the Second Wednesday in February next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the Court house in Exeter.

Return of the members wanting to compleat the Continental troops, as taken from the returns of the Muster-master General for the month of December, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 351.]

States & their several quotas.			Wanting to compleat.				
			Sergeants.	Corporals.	Drummers & fifers.	Privates.	Total.
New Hampshire,	3	battalions	48	76	16	1509	1649
Massachusetts-Bay,	15	Do.	73	86	85	4476	4670
Rhode Island	2	do.	8	19	"	731	758
Connecticut	8	do.	"	13	12	1584	1609
New York	4	do.	12	32	8	1345	1397
New Jersey	4	do.	19	47	10	1629	1705
Pennsylvania	12	do.	63	165	48	4515	4791
Delaware	1	do.	9	12	3	407	431
Maryland	8	do.	72	120	69	3259	3520
Virginia	15	do.	18	112	71	4736	4932
North Carolina	9	do.	244	224	51	4525	5044
							30,506.

Resolves of Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 361.]

In Congress, Decr 29, 1777.

Resolved that all persons, inhabitants of any of these United States, who have voluntarily inlisted or shall so inlist with or join the enemy of the said States, and have been or shall be taken in arms, shall be confined to close jail, subject to be delivered up to the respective States to which they belong, to be dealt with agreeable to the laws thereof; and that the Commissary General of prisoners and his deputies be directed from time to time, to transmit to the respective States the names of such of their citizens, who have been made prisoners.

Extract from the Minutes,
Chas Thomson, Secy.

In Congress, Dec. 31, 1777.

[State Pap. Vol. VIII. p. 363.]

Resolved, That as it is expedient to promote a speedy reformation in the army as well for the purpose of discipline as economy, & the number of officers being already out of all proportion to that of all the privates, to avoid further embarrassments in this respect, it be recommended to the Governments of the several States to suspend filling up any vacancies in their respective regiments untill they shall hear further from Congress on the subject

Extract from the Minutes
Cha^{s} Thomson, Sec^{y}.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Journal of the Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their second Session begun and holden at Exeter on the Eleventh day of February, A. D. 1778.

List of the Members of the House.

[Copied from a MS. Vol. in Secretary's office, 1775 to 1782.]

PORTSMOUTH,—
The Hon. John Langdon, Speaker.
" George Gains
" Samuel Cutts, Esq.
Exeter, Thomas Odiorne, Esq^{r}
" Samuel Hobart, Esq^{r}
Londonderry, John Pinkerton, Esq^{r}
" John Gilmore
Chester, John Webster, Esq^{r}
" Robert Wilson
Kensington, Mr. Ebenezer Porter
Stratham, Simon Wiggin, Esq^{r}
Brintwood, Samuel Dudley, Esq^{r}
Kingston & East Kingston, Sam^{l} Philbrick, Esq^{r}
Northampton, Dr. Levi Dearborn
New Market, Capt. Samuel Gilman
Epping, Capt. Daniel Gordon
Hampton Falls, Henry Robie
Hampton, Josiah Moulton, Esq^{r}
Greenland, Joshua Hains
Sandown & Hawke, David Tilton
S. Hampton & Newton, Capt. Eliph^{t} Merrill
Nottingham, Tho^{s} Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Rye, Nathan Goss.
Newington, Rich^{d} Downing, Esq^{r}
New Castle, Capt. John Blunt,
Hampstead, Capt. John Calfe
Raymond & Poplin, John Dudley, Esq.
Atkinson & Plastow, Nath^{l} Peabody, Esq^{r}
Deerfield & Northwood, Jere. Eastman, Esq^{r}
Candia, Moses Baker, Esq^{r}
Salem, Jeremiah Dow, Esq^{r}
Epsom,&c.&c. John McClary, Esq^{r}
Wyndham, James Betton, Esq^{r}
Pelham, James Gibson, Esq^{r}
Canterbury & Loudon, Samuel Chamberlain
Pembroke, —— ——
Concord, Tho^{s} Stickney, Esq^{r}
Bow & Dunbarton, Jeremiah Page, Esq.
Durham, Mr. John Smith
Lee, Hercules Mooney
Madbury, —— ——

DOVER, John Wentworth, Jun. Esq^{r}
" Capt. Caleb Hodsdon
Summersworth, Mr. Paul Wentworth
Rochester, James Knowles, Esq^{r}
Barrington, Mr. James Marden
Gilmanton & Barnstead, John Tasker, Esq^{r}
Wakefield, &c. &c. Mr. Nath^{l} Balch
Meredith and Sanbornton, Eben^{r} Smith, Esq^{r}
Sandwich, &c. &c. Brad^{y} Richardson, Esq^{r}

New Durham, &c.
Thomas Tash, Esq^r.

Litchfield & Nottingham W. James Underwood, Esq.
Merrimac & Bedford,
Capt. Sam^l Patten
Derryfield, & Goffstown, Moses Kelley, Esq.
Dunstable, Jona. Lovewell, Esq^r
Amherst, Moses Nichols. Esq^r
" Capt. Josiah Crosbie
Holles, Stephen Ames
Hopkinton, Capt. Step^n Harriman
New Boston & Francestown, Arch^d McMillan
Weare, Sam^l Caldwell
Wilton, &c. &c. Abial Abbot, Esq.
Mason & Raby, Mr. Amos Dakin
New Ipswich, Nathaniel Stone
Temple & Peterboro' Mr. Jonathan Blanchard
Henniker,&c. Capt. Joseph Simonds
Salisbury & Boscawen, —— ——
Warner, &c. &c —— ——
Rindge, Jaffrey &c.
William Smiley
Dublin &c. Benj^a Tucker
Packersfield &c.
Jos: Rouncival, Esq^r
Keen, Timothy Ellis, Esq^r
Swansey &c. Capt. John Mellin
Westmoreland, Ebenezer Britton
Marlow, Surry, &c.
Absalom Kingsbury
Charlestown,
William Heywood, Esq^r
Winchester,
Capt. Reuben Alexander
Hinsdale &c. Michael Cresey
Richmond, Daniel Read
Walpole Capt. Chr^r Webber
Cornish, &c. &c. —— ——
Claremont, Elihu Stevens, Esq.
Acworth, &c. &c. &c.
Benj^a Giles, Esq.
Rumney, &c. &c. &c.
Dan^l Brainard, Esq^r
Orford, —— ——
Plimouth, &c. &c. Fran^s Worcester
Haverhill, &c. &c. —— ——

[No other towns represented.]

Members of the Council.

Hon. Meshech Weare
Josiah Bartlett
Nath^l Gilman
George King
Tim^o Walker
Jn^o Wentworth
Eben^r Thompson
Jon^a Blanchard
Matt^w Patten
Samuel Ashley
Benj^a Bellows.

[P. 295.] Wednesday, February 11th 1778.

The house met according to adjournment, and there not being but thirty two members present and being no Board, the house adjourn'd to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday, Feb^y 12th 1778.

The petition of Gordon Hutchins praying leave to sell his household Furniture by Publick Vendue, being read & considered, Voted and Resolved, that the prayer thereof be granted. [Concurred.]

[P. 296.] The Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, praying for an act to Divorce her from her husband, Robert Rogers

Esq^r^ for sundry reasons therein mentioned, being read & considered.

Voted, That the Petitioners be heard thereon before the General Assembly on the 17th day of Feb^y^ current. [Concurred.]

The Report of the Commissioners from New Haven was read.(1)

Friday, Feb^y^ 13th 1778.

Voted, That Mr. Betton, Dr. Dearborn & Mr. Underwood with such as the hon^bl^ Council shall join be a Committee to consider of the conduct of the hon^bl^ Committee of Safety respecting their settlement of Col^o^ Morey's account on the seventh of Jan^y^ last and to report thereon.(2) [Concurred—Mr. Walker & Mr. Wentworth joined.]

[P. 297.] The Committee of Safety bro't into the house the Journal of their proceedings in the last recess of the General Assembly, which was read & considered.

The Petition of the inhabitants of New Castle praying to be enabled by an act, to raise money by a lottery, to build a bridge from New Castle to the main, being read & considered,

Voted, That the prayers thereof be granted and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

[P. 298.] Voted & Resolved, That there be forthwith raised, Equipped and marched from this State to the State of Rhode Island, one hundred men officers included in addition to the two hundred men now raising for the immediate defence of Rhode Island &c. to be under the same orders & regulations, and to be officered in the same manner as the two hundred are Voted to be.

[P. 301.] [Agreeably to recommendation of the Committee of the whole of both Houses.]

Voted, That one suitable person be appointed in each regiment of militia in this State and furnished with proper sums of money from time to time out of the Treasury, to procure & enlist a number not exceeding seven hundred able bodied effective men any where in this State, to serve as soldiers in the New Hampshire regiments in the Continental army, for the term of three years or during the present warr with Great Britain, unless sooner discharged; and the money so expended to be replaced in the Treasury by such Towns & places as are or may be delinquent in procuring their respective Quotas of men for filling up the aforesaid regiments in such manner & proportion as shall be determined by the Gen^{l} Assembly of this State; and that the persons so appointed to procure & enlist soldiers as aforesaid make proper returns on oath to the General Assembly or Com^{tee} of Safety of this State, of their doings & success in the Premises on or before the Eighteenth day of March next; (and the several militia officers and others heretofore called upon in such delinquent Towns & places respectively are once more called upon in the strongest terms to exert themselves to the utmost to compleat their respective quotas of men for filling up said Regiments) and they are hereby authorized to hire & procure said soldiers any where within this State as may be most convenient (any Law or resolve to the contrary Notwithstanding) and that no person or soldier hereafter enlisted or procured as aforesaid shall be accounted as any part of the Quota of any particular Town or place (excepting only such as shall be hired or procured to enlist by such Towns or places respectively, or procured by any Delinquent Town, of the person or persons appointed as aforesaid, by advancing to them monies for that purpose sufficient to pay the whole hire except to pay the Continental & State bounties.) [Concurred.]

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(1) The editor regrets that he has not been able to find this report among the files of the Secretary's office, or elsewhere —ED.

(2) See Records of Committee of Safety, Vol. VII., N. H. Hist. Coll., pp. 132, 133. —ED.

[P. 302.] Voted, That the town of Exeter be & hereby is appointed the place of Rendezvous for all such officers as do or may belong to the New Hampshire regiments in the Continental army and shall from time to time be collected together; and that proper Barracks and all other Necessaries be provided for their support untill they can be sent forward to head quarters. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the following advertisement be forthwith printed in hand-bills & dispersed throughout this State:

This is to give Notice to all such officers & soldiers of the first, second, & third New Hampshire regiments whose Furlo's are expired; Those who at different times have been left sick, and also to those who were captured by the enemy, and have been since retaken, or by any other means made their escape, That they are required forthwith to join their Regiments at Head Quarters: And, Whereas there are numbers of soldiers that have Deserted from said Regiments, and many that have never yet joined them now skulking about the country, probably willing to return to their duty, but deterred from it through fear of punishment;—I do, by consent of his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington, hereby promise them a full & free Pardon on condition they join their Regiments or deliver themselves to some officer of the Continental army on or before the Twentyeth day of next March; but should any one be so lost to a sence of his Duty as to Neglect this opportunity, he must if found expect to suffer the severities of the martial law, in that case made and provided.

ENOCH POOR, B. Gen^{l}.

Valley Forge, Camp
Pennsylvania, January 21st, 1778.

These are to give Notice, that the Town of Exeter in this State, is appointed as a place of Rendezvous for the soldiers described in the above advertisement, and all officers civil & military and all other persons are hereby required at their Peril to assist the Continental officers in carrying the same into Execution.

By order of the Assembly,

——— ——— President.

[P. 303.] Voted, That three reputable Persons in this State be appointed as a Board of Warr for this State, whose business shall be to supply the Continental regiments of this State with cloathing & all other Necessaries, and transact any other business as they shall from time to time be directed by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State, to whom they are to be accountable, and that they be Nominated to this House by a Committee of both houses. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted, That Major Mark Wiggin of Col^{o} Whipple's regiment, Col. John McDuffie for Col^{o} Evans regiment, Capt. Moses Leavitt for Col^{o} Moulton's regiment, Col^{o} Sam^{l} Folsom for Col^{o} Gilman's regiment, Capt. Benj^{a} Stone for Col^{o} Bartlett's Regiment, Col^{o} Noah Lovewell for Col^{o} Nichols's regiment, John Bell Esq^{r} for Col^{o} Thornton's regiment, Capt. John Underhill for Col^{o} Webster's regiment, Capt. Benj^{a} Sias for Col^{o} Stickney's reg^{t}, Col^{o} Joseph Badger for his own reg^{t}, Capt. Simon Marston for Col^{o} McClary's reg^{t}, Col^{o} Joseph Hammond for Col^{o} Ashleys reg^{t}, Col^{o} Thomas Heald for Col^{o} Hale's reg^{t}, Maj^{r} John Bellows for Col^{o} Bellows reg^{t}, Col. Israel Morey for his own regim^{t}, Col^{o} David Webster for Col^{o} David Hobart's reg^{t}, be appointed to procure & enlist soldiers for filling up the Continental Battalions of this State according to a former vote of this day, with the powers & authorities in said vote mentioned. [Concurred.]

[P. 304.] Voted, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gains, Col° Hobart Mr. Odiorne & John Dudley Esq^r with such as the Hon^bl Board shall join be a Com^tee to Nominate to this house six persons out of whom for three to be chosen and appointed as a Board of War. [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Walker, joined.]

Wednesday, Feb^y 18^th, 1778.

The Committee to nominate proper persons for a board of Warr reported

That they nominate John Penhallow, Joshua Wentworth, Thomas Martin Esq^rs, Mr. Ephraim Robinson, Mr. John Taylor Gilman & Col° Sam^l Folsom. Signed, J. Bartlett, Chairman.

Voted, That Col° Joshua Wentworth of Portsmouth, John Penhallow, Esq^r of Portsmouth, and Mr. Ephraim Robinson, of Exeter, be and hereby are chosen & appointed as a Board of Warr for this State,(1) whose business shall be to supply the Continental regiments of this State with cloathing & all other Necessaries, and to transact any other business as they shall from time to time be directed by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State, to whom they are to be accountable for their conduct. [Concurred.]

Thursday Feb^y 19^th 1778.

[P. 307.] Voted, That Jonathan Mitchell Sewall Esq^r be & hereby is chosen & appointed Attorney General for this State.(2)

[P. 308.] The Committee on the request of Jonathan Payson reported as their opinion:

That Mr. Jonathan Payson have liberty to send the Brigantine Prudence to Sea, he giving security for such sum of money as the one half of said vessell and appurtenances shall be valued at, to the Speaker of the house of Representatives—all which is humbly submitted.
Signed, Matt. Patten, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be rec^d and accepted and that the bond be given for fourteen hundred and forty pounds.

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(1) The editor has not succeeded in finding any Record or Journal of the Board of War during their term of service.

(2) It does not appear that this appointment was concurred by the Board.—Ed.

[P. 309.] Voted, That Samuel Livermore Esq^r be and hereby is appointed Attorney General of this State.(1) [Concurred.]

Friday, Feb^y 20th 1778.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed, when he sends any of the acts & resolves of this State to be printed, that he affix the day of passing them on the head of the margin in each Act, or at the bottom. [Concurred.]

[P. 310.] Voted, That this house resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole to join the Hon^{bl} Board if they see fitt, to consider of the Confederation formed by the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress, and also of the calling a full & Free representation of all the People of this State for the sole purpose of forming a Permanent Plan or system for the future government of this State.

Saturday, Feb. 21st 1778.

A Precept was sent to Lancaster to send a representative for Lancaster, Northumberland, Apthorpe, Strafford, Cockburn, Colburn, Shelburne & Conway.

A Precept was sent to Boscawen to send a representative for Salisbury & Boscawen.

[P. 311.] Voted, That Mr. Lovewell, Mr. Giles, Col^o Peabody, Col^o McClary, Col^o Nichols, Maj^r Downing & Dr. Dearborn, with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall join be a Standing Committee to receive & consider of all Petitions & accounts of sick and wounded officers & soldiers, and all those that have been captivated or met with any losses in the war and to make report on all such to this house as occasion presents from time to time.(2) [Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. King & Mr. Gilman, joined.]

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(1) SAMUEL LIVERMORE was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, May 14, 1732, came to New Hampshire, and settled in Portsmouth about 1758. Was appointed by Gov. John Wentworth king's attorney for New Hampshire. In the Revolution he espoused the cause of liberty. He served the state with great ability and success in almost every public station,—as representative, delegate to Congress, senator, attorney general, chief justice, &c. In the latter years of his life he resided in Holderness, N. H., where he owned an extensive farm. An interesting memoir of him, written by Arthur Livermore, Esq., is in the archives of the N. H. Historical Society, and will probably be published. He was, in his generation, one of the ablest men in the State.—ED.

(2) See tabular list of all such on a subsequent page.—ED.

Munday, Feb^y^ 23, 1778.

[P. 312.] Voted, That Mr. Odiorne, Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Potter, with such as the Hon^bl^ Board shall join be a Com^tee^ to consider of and frame & bring in a bill to enable the Selectmen of the several Towns & Parishes in this State, to Tax the People called Quakers and others within their respective Limits to all charges of the Warr in such manner as they shall think equitable & just, Notwithstanding such Town or Parish do not vote therefor, and to enable the Constables or Collectors of such Tax to Levy & collect the same.

Tuesday, February 24th, 1778.

Voted, That the board of Warr be directed imediately to prepare Barracks in the town of Exeter sufficient to lodge what men may rendezvous there, & call upon the Continental Commissary in this State to provide Necessarys for said men while in said Barracks; but in case said Commissary should not be able to provide the whole that may be wanted for the men while in Barracks, That the Board make such provisions themselves as the Commissary cannot; That they also purchase such quantity of shoes, stockings, shirts, hatts, breeches and over-all & all other Necessaries from time to time as they shall find wanting for our Troops in service, for the knowledge of which they will keep up correspondence with the officers, & send forward such articles to the army from time to time directed to such person as the General Assembly or Com^tee^ of Safety shall hereafter direct. [Concurred.]

[P. 313.] Voted, That Col° Hobart, Col° Peabody, Mr. Odiorne with such as the Hon^bl^ board shall join, be a Committee to make out Instructions & orders to the hon^bl^ Board of Warr for their imediate conduct. [Concurred—Mr. Thompson added.]

The Committee of both houses being met in the Assembly Chamber, according to the order of Friday last to consider of the Confederation formed by the Hon^ble^ Continental Congress, and also of the calling a full representation of all the People of this State for the sole purpose of forming a Permanent Plan or system for the future government of this State &c. The Hon^ble^ Josiah Bartlett Esq^r^ in the Chair:

Proceeded to consider of the matters referred and after some time spent thereon came to the following resolutions, and reported:

That forty thousand pounds be issued in Treasurer's notes to pay off the bounties of the Continental soldiers:

The Com^tee^ then proceeded to consider of the Articles of Confederation & Perpetual Union,—which being read & considered Article by Article the Committee agreed to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth & seventh articles; and the eighth article being objected to & the arguments made pro & con, the Committee adjourned to three oclock afternoon—and then met according to adjournment, and resumed the consideration of the eighth article of the Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States; and thereupon, reported, That the eighth article be agreed to; also the ninth, tenth, eleventh, Twelfth and thirteenth articles.

And the Committee not having finished, adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday, Feb^y^ 25^th^, 1778.

According to the order of the day, the Committee of both houses being met in the Assembly Chamber, The Hon^bl^ [P. 314.] Meshech Weare in the Chair, proceeded to consider of the matter referred to them—and after some time spent thereon the Committee agreed to report:

That a full and free representation of all the People of this State be called as soon as conveniently may be for said purpose; That the Convention be on the second Wednesday in June next; That they meet at Concord in this State; That each Town, Parish or Precinct sending a member or members to said Convention pay their own members for their time & expense; That when the said Convention have formed such Plan of Government, they lay the same before their constituents for their approbation, before the same shall take effect; That such Plan shall not take effect untill three quarters of the people of this State shall consent thereto.

The Committee then adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M., and after some time spent thereon agree further to Report,

That the foregoing articles of Direction be not recommendatory but Directory, and that Precepts issue to each Town, Parish & District in this State if they see fit to send one or more members to the said Convention, saving to any two or more Towns, Parishes or Districts if they see fit to join together in electing & sending one member to represent them in said Convention.

The Committee then Dissolved, and the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the above Report being read and considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted.

Voted, The articles of Confederation.

Thursday, Feby 26th, 1778.

[P. 317.] The Committee on the conduct of Mr. Adjutant Elliot made Report:

That William Elliot adjutant to Col. Hale's Regiment was taken prisoner at the retreat from Ticonderoga in July last, and was since retaken by our Troops; That he has neglected to return to his Duty in the army tho' repeatedly ordered by Genl Poor; That we are credibly informed he has engaged to go on board a Privateer from Boston, and has enlisted several men in this State to go with him without his being discharged from the army; That his conduct has much encouraged many of the soldiers who were taken Prisoners and released in the same manner, to refuse joining the army,—pleading his example: We would therefore recommend that the said Elliot be Directed forthwith to join the army, and that if he refuse or neglect, that Colo Cilley be desired to send him forward to the army under guard.

Signed, Josiah Bartlett, Chairman.

Which Report being read and considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 318.] Whereas the present situation of affairs in this State makes it necessary that a full & free Representation of the Inhabitants thereof should meet in Convention for the sole purpose of forming and laying a permanent plan or system of Government for the future Happiness and well-being of the good people of this State, & this house having received Instructions from a considerable part of their Constituents for that purpose: Therefore,

Voted and Resolved, That the Honble the President of the Council issue to every Town, Parish & District within this State a Precept recommending to them to elect and choose one or more persons as they shall judge expedient to convene at Concord in said State, on the tenth day of June next for the purpose aforesaid, saving to the small Towns liberty to join two or more together, if they see fit to elect & send one person to represent them in said Convention:

And such System or form of Government as may be agreed upon by Such Convention being printed & sent to each & every Town, Parish & District in this State for the approbation of the People, which system or form of Government, being approved of by three-fourth parts of the Inhabitants of this State in their respective Town meetings legally called for that purpose, and a return of such approbation being made to said Convention & confirmed by them, shall remain as a permanent system or Form of Government of the State, and not otherwise; & that the charge & expense of each member of Such Convention be defrayed by their respective electors.

Saturday, Feb^{y} 28th 1778.

[P. 325.] An Act to Dissolve the marriage of Robert Rogers & Elizabeth his wife was read a third time & passed to be enacted. [Concurred & passed by the Council.]

Act to dissolve the marriage of Robert Rogers and Elizabeth his wife, passed March 4th, 1778.

[Copied from the original on file in Secretary's office.]

State of New Hampshire: In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

An Act to dissolve the marriage between Robert Rogers and Elizabeth his wife.

WHEREAS Elizabeth Rogers of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid, hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth that she was married to the said Robert Rogers about seventeen years ago; for the greater part of which time he had absented himself from and totally neglected to support and maintain her—and had, in the most flagrant manner, in a variety of ways, violated the marriage contract—but especially by *Infidelity to her Bed:* For which reasons praying that a divorce from the said Rogers, a vinculo matrimonii, might be granted. The principal facts contained in said Petition being made to appear, upon a full hearing thereof—Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Robert and Elizabeth, be and hereby are dissolved.

State of New Hampshire—

In the house of Representatives, February 28, 1778.

The above Bill having been read a third time, Voted, That the same pass to be enacted. Sent up for concurrence.

JOHN DUDLEY, Speak^{r} pro Temp.

In Council, March 4th, 1778.

The within Bill having been read three times Voted, That the same be Enacted. M. WEARE, President.

Voted, That Simon Marston be and hereby is appointed First Major of Col^{o} McClary's Regiment in the room & stead of Daniel Page who declines that service. [Concurred.]

[P. 327.] Monday, March 2d, 1778.

The Speaker being absent—chose the Honble Colo Samuel Hobart speaker pro tempe.

Voted, That Ephraim Baldwin Esqr of Chesterfield be cited to appear before the Genl Assembly on the second Friday of their next session to answer to a complaint exhibited to this Court against him by the Committee of Chesterfield, as speaking or acting in some measures Enemical to the Liberties of the American States. [Concurred.]

[P. 328.] Tuesday, March 3d, 1778.

Voted, That Capt. Harriman, Capt. Simonds & Mr. Worcester, with such as the Honbl Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the motion of Capt. Harriman respecting the Manufacturing of Wier and wool cards in this State & report thereon. [Concurred, Mr. Patten joined.]

[P. 330.] Upon a motion made by Colo Bartlett concerning a Negro Slave of Lieut. Henry Butler, who has enlisted into the regiment raising for the defence of Rhode Island, Voted, That those Negro Slaves who have enlisted into the said service without their masters leave, upon returning their enlisting money paid them, that the muster master shall strike them out of the rolls. [Concurred.]

[P. 331.] Wednesday, March 4th, 1778.

The Committee to consider of the manufacturing Wier and wool cards in this State, Reported—

That if Mr. Eleazer Spafford or Mr. Jonathan Hale or either of them shall make or cause to be made two thousand pairs of good wool Cards at or before the last day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, out of Wier and Card Tacks manufactured in this State, the said cards being made as near as conveniently can be in the centre of this State, if they or either of them shall perform said work by the time above mentioned, and they giving the people of this State the refusal of said cards as they are made at a reasonable price, not exceeding the price in other New England States, then they or he to draw out of the Treasury of this State as a bounty for making said Cards Two hundred pounds, and if they or he make three thousand pairs of good Wool cards by that time, then they or he to have fifty pounds added to the above said Bounty—all which is humbly submitted.

Sign'd— Mattw Patten, for the Comtee.

Which report being read & consider'd, Voted, That the same be receiv'd & accepted. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Gilman, Mr. J. Wentworth, Capt. Harriman, Maj^{r} Hayward, Mr. Worcester, Capt. Moulton & Col^{o} Nichols with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall join, be a Committee to Nominate to this house Proper persons in each County in this State, as a Committee to seize & dispose of the Personal Estate of such persons as are gone over to the Enemy and to account with the receiver General therefor. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman, Blanchard & Bellows added.]

Voted, That Col. Hobart with such as the Hon^{bl} board shall join be a Com^{tee} to wait on Gen^{l} Whipple & know of him whether he accepts of his appointment as a Delegate to the Continental Congress, & to desire him to attend the house as soon as his convenience will admit of with his answer. [Concurred—The President, Mr. Wentworth & Mr. King added.]

State of New Hampshire—

In the House of Representatives, March 4, 1778.

The House took under consideration the thirteen Articles of Confederation & perpetual Union between the Thirteen United States of America, as agreed to by the Hon^{bl} Congress of said States, and came to the following Resolution thereon, viz:

Resolved, That we do agree to said articles of Confederation, perpetual union &c. And do for ourselves & Constituents engage that the same shall be inviolably observed by this State.

And the Delegates of this State for the time being, at the Congress afores^{d} are hereby impowered & Instructed to Ratify the same in behalf of this State. [Concurred.]

P. M.

[P. 333.] Voted, That Major William White of Chester be & hereby is appointed Muster master of Capt. Daniel Runnels' company now enlisting for the immediate defence of Rhode Island. [Concurred.]

[In Committee of the whole], The Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett in the chair; Proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred, and after some time spent thereon came to the following resolution and report:

That eighty thousand Pounds be raised and levied on the polls & Estates of this State; Sixty thousand pounds of which to be for the supply of the Continental Treasury, and the other twenty thousand pounds for the supply of the Treasury of this State, to be paid into the

Treasury at two Equal payments, the first to be on or before the last day of June next and the other on or before the last day of December next—and that Jona Blanchard Esqr John Wentworth Jun. Esqr & Colo Hobart be a Committee to form and lay a bill before the Assembly for that purpose.

Then the Comtee Dissolved & the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the report of said Committee being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be received and accepted. [Concurred.]

[P. 334.] Thursday, March 5th 1778.

Eliphalet Merrill, Representative for the Towns of South Hampton and Newtown, delivered in the following PROTEST, viz.

This may certify that I, Eliphalet Merrill as Representative for the towns of South Hampton and Newtown agreeable to Instructions from said Towns, Do Enter my Protest against the Eighth & Ninth Articles of the Confederation as proposed by the Honbl Continental Congress being received by this State as they now Stand.

Signed— ELIPHALET MERRILL.

Entered according to the Original.

Attest, N. Emery, Cl. D. R.

[P. 335.] Voted, That Capt. John Calfe with such as the Honbl Board shall join be a Committee to bring in a bill to enable the Treasurer of this State to issue Notes for Forty thousand pounds; the one half in Notes of Ten pounds value, and the other half in note of five Pounds value payable in four years from the date, and interest at six per cent. per annum, The Interest to be paid Annually—which Notes shall be in the following form, viz.

No. ( )

State of New Hampshire, The....day of...... 1778. For value received for the use of the State of New Hampshire I do, in behalf of said State, hereby Promise & oblige myself & successors in the office of Treasurer, to Pay to the Possessor of this note the sum of........Pounds, on the ....day of........178..with Interest at six per cent per annum, the interest to be paid annually. Witness my hand,

Treasurer.

} Committee.

That the above Committee be directed to get the said notes printed as soon as may be and delivered to the Treasurer, and that Mr. John Smith & Noah Emery Esq^r be the Committee to countersign said notes before they be issued by the Treasurer.

[P. 336.] Voted, That Mr. Cutts, Mr. J. Wentworth & Mr. Blanchard with such as the Hon^bl Board shall join be a Committee to prepare and bring in a bill to Discriminate & point out what Estates of persons in this State who are gone over to our Enemies or have aided, assisted or supplied them with arms or provisions or any kind of warlike stores whatsoever, shall be confiscated and sold for the benefit of this State, and for enabling Persons in each County in this State to sell such Estates both real & Personal in their respective Counties, and to account with the Treasurer or Receiver General of this State for the Net Proceeds thereof. [Concurred—Mr. Blanchard joined.]

[P. 342.] Voted, That Jonathan Perkins of Epping being a brevett officer in Col. Cilley's Regiment from the 29th of July last, be commissioned as an Ensign in Capt. Jason Wait's Company in said Col° Cilley's regiment from that time. [Concurred.]

[P. 343.] Saturday, March 7th, 1778.

Voted, That Maj^r George Gains be and hereby is appointed of the Committee to get the Treasury notes printed off, in the room & stead of Capt. John Calfe, who declines that service. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, March 10, 1778.

[P. 346.] The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Continental Congress made Report:

They nominate the Hon^bl William Whipple, Esq^r the Hon^bl Josiah Bartlett, Esq^r John Wentworth jr. Esq^r Col° Nath^l Peabody, the Hon^bl Timothy Walker Esq^r & the Hon^bl Jonathan Blanchard, Esq^r for the purpose they are directed, which is humbly offered by

E. Thompson, for the Committee.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the choice of two of the said persons for Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress, for the current year, and the ballotts being taken & counted it appeared that the Hon^bl William Whipple Esq^r and John Wentworth jun. Esq^r were chosen for that purpose. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted, That the Delegates from this State to the Continental Congress shall have & receive Twenty five shillings per day for their service besides their reasonable expences, for the time they are in the service of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 347.] A Proclamation for a General Fast throughout this State on Thursday the Sixteenth day of April next, being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be transcribed, printed and dispersed throughout this State. [Concurred.]

Resolved, That the Hon^bl^ Nathaniel Folsom & George Frost, Esq^rs^ Delegates from this State to the Continental Congress be and hereby are desired and directed to tarry at Congress and represent this State therein, untill they shall be relieved by others to be sent to represent this State in their room & stead. [Concurred.]

Wednesday, March 11th, 1778.

[P. 348.] Whereas doubts have arisen in the minds of some persons respecting a vote of the Gen^l^ Assembly of yesterday settling the wages & allowance of the Delegates for the Continental Congress the ensuing year: Therefore

Voted and Resolved, That each Delegate for this State the ensuing year shall be allow'd Twenty-five shillings per day & reasonable wages for his servant & hire for his horses, and all necessary expenses for himself, servant & horses from the time he sets out from his own home to join Congress, till he shall return home.

Voted, That no bounty be given for any salt manufactured in this State which is or shall be sold for more than ten shillings per bushell and for cash only. [Concurred.]

Thursday, March 12th, 1778.

[P. 351.] Voted, That Mr. Wiggin & Col. Kelley with such as the Hon^bl^ board shall join be a Committee to examine into the State of the Prison in Exeter, and also into the matter & manner of the late escape of Stephen Holland, Esq^r^ out of said Prison & report thereon. [Concurred—Mr. Gilman added.]

[P. 352.] Upon motion in behalf of William Elliot,—

Voted, That the vote of the General Assembly of the 26th of

February last respecting the conduct of William Elliot, be and hereby is reconsidered, reversed & made void, on condition, That he return to his duty in the army or produce a regular discharge therefrom, and that he desist from enlisting any more men in this State to go in any Privateer, & use his Endeavour for the discharge of those he has already enlisted. [Concurred.]

Voted, Unanimously, That the Hon^bl Josiah Bartlett Esq^r be & hereby is chosen & appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress for the year ensuing, with all the powers & Privileages heretofore granted to Delegates from this State to said Congress. [Concurred.]

Friday, March 13^th, 1778.

[P. 353.] Voted, That the Guards sett at the Prison in Exeter by order of the Gen^l Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State be and hereby are discharged & dismissed from that service. [Concurred.]

[P. 354.] An Act in addition to an Act Intitled an Act to oblige the members of the Council & house of Representatives, all officers civil & military, &c. &c. to take & subscribe an oath or Declaration of Fidelity to this State, was read a third time and passed to be enacted. [Concurred & passed by the Council.]

[P. 355.] Voted, That the Hon^bl Board of War have and receive out of the Treasury five thousand pounds by order of the President to be by them accounted for. [Concurred.]

P. M.

According to the order of the day, the Council & house being met in the Assembly Chamber, to consider of the Report of the Committees of the Several Northern States convened lately at New Haven in Connecticutt, The Hon^bl Josiah Bartlet Esq^r in the Chair, proceeded to consider of the matter to them referred, and after reading & considering the report of said Committee (1) at New Haven, and hearing & considering the arguments thereon pro & con, & duly considering the same, Came to the following resolutions and Report:

That the further consideration of the said Report of the Committees convened at New Haven be postponed untill the next Session of the Gen^l Assembly of this State; this Court having been informed that the

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(1) The editor has not been able to find the report of the committees at New Haven. —ED.

Southern States are totally against adopting the Report; & being altogether uncertain whether either of the States had enacted Laws for enforcing the same.

The Committee then Dissolved, & the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Report of the Committee being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be receiv'd and accepted. [Concurred.]

Upon the motion of Col. Bartlett to be excused from representing this State in Congress for the current year, the vote being put thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Saturday, March 14th 1778.

[P. 356.] Voted, That the Honbl Josiah Bartlett and John Wentworth Jun. Esqr be and hereby are appointed to serve as Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for & during the term of one year from the date hereof unless sooner recalled, and that they & each of them in the absence of the other have full and ample power in behalf of this State to consent and agree to all measures which Congress shall deem necessary for the public good. [Concurred.]

Voted, That it is offensive to this house that any member of this house should play at cards or any other unlawful game in Publick houses and that they be desired to desist therefrom.

Petitions, Acts, Accts, votes &c. passed on by the house & concurred by the Council from February 11, to March 14, 1778.

Capt. Gershom Drury's Roll allowed £127: 13: 6.
Petition of Inhabitants of the S. E. part of Londonderry to be annexed to Nottingham West—hearing granted.
Roll of Lt. Joseph Thomas pd. £28: 18: 10.
Acct of Samuel Philbrick pd. 9s.
Petition of the heirs of John Day—hearing granted.
Acct. of Samuel Gilman pd. £3: 7: 6.
Non-resident owners of land to be notified to pay Taxes.
Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge to receive £200, as muster-muster.
Acct. of James Aiken, for wages, pd. £8: 2: 8.
John T. Gilman to deliver clothing to soldiers.
Capt. Joshua Abbot's Roll, pd. £363: 7: 7.
Bryant Brown pd. £10 for a horse lost at Ticonderoga.
Roll of Lt. Col. Thomas Heald, pd. £410: 8: 7.
Hon. Wm. Whipple's acct, as member of Congress, settled, £855.
Letter relating to Malachi Salter in custody at Portsmouth.
Petition from Nottingham West relating to fishing in a brook &c.
Hon. Josiah Bartlett's acct alld & pd. £20.

Petition of Rich^d^ Jenness, to have a Deed of sale vacated, granted.

Roll of Capt. John Langdon's Company of Volunteers, all^d^ £315:19:8.

Acc^t^ of John T. Gilman, pd. £167: 13: 8.

Advanced to John T. Gilman, £600 to be accounted for.

Acc^t^ of Capt. Reuben Alexander, pd. £28: 7: 4.

Tax of James McMasters of Portsmouth 1775, to be discounted, £10.

Act to alter the time of holding the annual town meeting of Epsom, passed.

Abraham Marston all^d^ for expenses when sick, £21: 6: 2.

Col. Samuel Hobart to draw £200 from the Treasury for recruiting service.

Col. Noah Lovewell, Capt. Benj^a^ Stone & Capt. Simon Marston, each to receive £200 for recruiting service.

Petition of Olive French to vest land in Stratham in her children—granted to bring in a bill.

Capt. Reuben Alexander to receive £200, in behalf of Col. Joseph Hammond, for recruiting purposes.

Roll of Capt. Simon Marston's Com^y^ at Rhode Island, pd. £1116: 12: 10.

Capt. John Underhill, Col^o^ Joseph Badger, Maj. Sam^l^ Page, Col^o^ Stickney, in behalf of Capt. Benjamin Sias, Doct. Levi Dearborn, Capt. Moses Leavitt; Mr. Nathaniel Stone in behalf of Maj. Thomas Heald, Mr. John Gilmore in behalf of John Bell, Esq. each to receive £200 for recruiting service.

Wages of Capt. Titus Salter raised to $12 per month, & his Lieuts. £8 per month.

Roll of Capt. Thomas McLaughlin, pd. £22:17:11.

Roll of Capt. Enoch Page, at Rhode Island, paid.

Roll of Capt. Titus Salter, pd. £94:6.

Roll of Lt. Sam^l^ Houston, pd. £81:19:1.

Roll of William Campbell, £18:19:1, pd.

Roll of Capt. Robert Pike, pd. £759:1:2.

Middleton and Leavitstown to be incorporated.

Maj. Mark Wiggin to receive £200 for recruiting service.

Annual meeting of Peterboro' altered.

Acct. of Capt. Thomas Ford, £2: pd: a mistake in £4:10, corrected.

Acct. of Doct. John Young, £7:13:8 pd.

Roll of Capt. James Ford, £121:0:10, pd.

Roll of Lt. Oliver Dow, pd. £55.

Goal keepers in Exeter allowed 28*s* per week.

£20 advanced to Lt. Joseph Wheaton, for recruiting.

Roll of Capt. John Mellens, £202:14, pd.

All recruiting officers to give bonds to account for all monies received from the treasury.

Col. Benj^a^ Bellows to be pd £12, for transporting baggage, £20, for a horse killed, £143:0:6 for Batt horses, £47:8:6 for Roll of Capt. Samuel Nichols, and his own Roll, £966:0:3.

Salary of Attorney General fixed at £200, in quarterly paym^ts^.

Capt. Sam^l^ Gilman for a drum spoiled in the service 30*s*. pd.

Joseph Douglass all^d^ £22:6:10 for ferrying soldiers over Connecticut river.

The Judge of the maritime Court to pay all the money for sale of articles of the Brigatine Elizabeth into the Treasury.

Thomas Hardie to receive wages, £3:11:4.

Roll of Capt. Eliphalet Daniel, £98, pd.

An Act to enable Samuel McKeen of Amherst to redeem land.

Roll of Capt. Joseph Parsons, £1052:0:1, pd.

Absalom Kingsbury pd. for a tin kettle lost in the army, 12*s*.

Acc^t of Capt. Daniel Reynolds, £2:10, pd. £312 for bounties to Soldiers, to be accounted for.

Roll of Capt. James Robertson, £89:4:4, pd.

Roll of Lt. Oliver Cobleigh, £77:18:4, pd.

Roll of Capt. John Hale, £242:17:11, pd.

Inhabitants of Washington to pay their taxes to Marlow & Lempster, until the title to land shall be settled.

Acc^t of Elihu Stevens, 24*s*. pd.

Bounty on Wool Cards lengthened one year.

Packersfield annual meeting altered.

Supply Bill for £80,000 passed.

Fire arms in the Counties of Cheshire & Grafton to be collected by Col. Hunt & stored in Charlestown.

Counterfeit bills not to be taken in.

Acc^t of Deacon Brooks settled by his payment of £93: 13: 11¼.

Col^o Samuel Folsom to receive £400, for recruiting service.

Messrs Brooks & Odiorne pd. £20: 11: 4 for taking in counterfeit bills.

£600 advanced to Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge for bounties.

Dea. Amos Dakin pd. £9: 6: 3, also, £5: 6: 8 for Capt. Joseph Barrett.

Capt. Josiah Gilman, one of Committee to draw Continental accounts.

Pd Moses Dalton, 26*s* bounty for making salt.

Committee of Safety to take up all deserters from the army.

Roll of Maj^r George Gains, pd. £147: 18.

Bills of Credit in the Treasury to be burnt to ashes.

New Hampton taxes to be collected by Selectmen of Moultonboro'.

John Dean pd £52: 9: 8 for his servant Daniel Bickford, a soldier sick in his way from the army.

Acc^t of Maj^r Henry Dearborn, pd. £20: 5.

Roll of Col^o Moses Kelley, pd. £75: 14: 9.

Ensign Jonathan Leavitt, pd. £4: 17: stopt out of his wages in Capt. Parsons Roll.

Ebenezer McIlvaine pd. £9, for extra expenses in sickness.

Roll of Capt. Titus Salter, £94. pd.

One hundred men to be raised immediately for Rhode Island.

Capt. John Blunt appointed to take care of the Light House at New Castle.

Pay of the Council & House, Committee of Safety, Secretary & Clerks, settled.

Voted, That the General Assembly be adjourned to the third Wednesday in May next, and this House is accordingly adjourned to the said 3^d Wednesday in May next, then to meet at the Town house in Exeter at three o'clock in the afternoon. [Concurred.]

NOTES BY THE EDITOR.

Agreeably to adjournment, the House of Representatives met at Exeter, May 20, 1778; but as there was no Quorum of the Council in session for the transaction of business (at least, no Council records are found of that session), the House adjourned after a session of three days, having appointed a Committee to prepare a bill to discriminate and confiscate Estates; to collect together and to make sale by auction of all the masts now in this State and belonging thereto; to examine into the damages done to the houses & other buildings and land in New Castle and other places, by the soldiers of this State; and committing public affairs generally to the Committee of Safety, during the recess of the General Court. The House adjourned to the second Wednesday in August next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

In the interim,—that is, between the adjournment, May 24, and the meeting in August, 1778,—a convention was held in Concord for the purpose of forming a permanent plan of government for the State. The proceedings of said Convention and others held for the same purpose, will appear together in the subsequent volume of N. H. Papers.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Wednesday, August 12th, 1778.

The House met according to adjournment. The Speaker being absent, the Hon^{bl} John Dudley Esq^{r} Speaker pro tempore took the Chair.

A List of the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, at their fourth session, begun & holden by adjournment at Exeter, on the 12th day of August, Anno Domini 1778.

[Copied from MS. Vol. in Secretary's office.]

Towns.	*Names.*
PORTSMOUTH,—	
	Hon. John Langdon, Speaker.
"	George Gains, Esq.
"	Samuel Cutts, Esq^{r}
Exeter,	Thomas Odiorne, Esq^{r}
"	Samuel Hobart, Esq^{r}
Londonderry,	John Pinkerton, Esq^{r}
"	Mr. John Gilmore
Chester,	John Webster, Esq^{r}
"	Robert Wilson, Esq^{r}
Kensington,	Mr. Ebenezer Potter.
Stratham,	Simon Wiggin, Esq.
Brintwood,	Samuel Dudley, Esq.
Kingston & East Kingston,	Samuel Philbrick, Esq^{r}
Northampton,	Dr. Levi Dearborn
New Market,	Capt. Sam^{l} Gilman
Epping,	Capt. Daniel Gordon
Hampton-falls, &c.	Mr. Henry Robie
Hampton,	Josiah Moulton, Esq.
Greenland,	Mr. Joshua Haines
Sandown & Hawke,	Mr. David Tilton
S. Hampton & Newton,	Capt. Eliph^{t} Merrill
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Rye,	Mr. Nathan Goss
Newington,	Rich^{d} Downing, Esq^{r}
New Castle,	Capt. John Blunt
Hampstead,	Capt. John Calfe
Raymond & Poplin,	John Dudley, Esq.
Atkinson & Plastow,	Nath^{l} Peabody, Esq^{r}
Deerfield & Northwood,	Jere. Eastman, Esq^{r}
Salem,	Jeremiah Dow, Esq^{r}
Candia,	Moses Baker, Esq^{r}.
Epsom, &c. &c.	John McClary, Esq^{r}
Wyndham,	James Betton, Esq^{r}
Pelham,	James Gibson, Esq^{r}
Canterbury & Loudon,	Mr. Sam^{l} Chamberlain
Pembroke,	—— ——
Concord,	Thomas Stickney, Esq^{r}
Bow & Dunbarton,	Jeremy Page, Esq^{r}
New Durham, &c. &c.	Thomas Tash, Esq^{r}
Durham,	Mr. John Smith
Lee,	Hercules Mooney, Esq.
Madbury,	—— ——
DOVER,	John Wentworth, jun. Esq^{r}
"	Caleb Hodsdon Esq^{r}
Summersworth,	Mr. Paul Wentworth.

Towns.	*Names.*
Rochester,	James Knowles, Esq.
Barrington,	Mr. James Marden,
Gilmanton & Barnstead,	John Tasker, Esq.
Wakefield, &c. &c.	Mr. Nath^{l} Balch
Meredith and Sanbornton,	Eben^{r} Smith, Esq^{r}
Sandwich, &c. &c.	Brad^{y} Richardson, Esq^{r}
Litchfield & Nottingham W.	James Underwood, Esq^{r}
Merrimac & Bedford,	Capt. Samuel Patten
Derryfield, & Goffstown,	Moses Kelley, Esq.
Dunstable,	Jona. Lovewell, Esq^{r}
Amherst,	Moses Nichols, Esq^{r}
"	Capt. Josiah Crosbie
Holles,	Mr. Stephen Ames,
Hopkinton,	Capt. Step^{n} Harriman
New Boston & Francestown,	Mr. Arch^{d} McMillan
Weare,	Mr. Sam^{l} Caldwell
Wilton, Lyndsboro', &c.	Abiel Abbot, Esq.
Mason & Raby,	Mr. Amos Dakin
New Ipswich,	Mr. Nath^{l} Stone
Temple & Peterboro',	Capt. Jotham Blanchard
Heneker & Hillsborough, &c.	Capt. Joseph Symonds.
Salisbury & Boscawen,	—— ——
New Breton, Warner, &c.	Capt. Daniel Flood.
Rindge, Jaffrey &c.	Mr. William Smiley
Dublin & Marlborough	Mr. Benjamin Tucker
Stoddard, Packersfield, &c.	Jos. Rouncivall, Esq^{r}
Keen,	Timothy Ellis, Esq^{r}
Swansey & Fitz William,	Capt. John Mellin
Westmoreland,	Mr. Eben^{r} Britton
Richmond,	Mr. Daniel Read,
Winchester,	Capt. Reuben Alexander
Walpole,	Capt. Christ^{r} Webber,
Hinsdale & Chester^{d}	Mr. Michael Cresey
Marlow, Surry, &c.	Mr. Absalom Kingsbury
Charlestown,	Wm. Heywood, Esq^{r}
Claremont,	Elihu Stevens, Esq.
Acworth, Newport, &c. &c.	Benj^{a} Giles, Esq.
Cornish, &c. &c.	—— ——
Plymouth, &c. &c.	Mr. Francis Worcester.
Rumney, Campton, &c. &c.	Dan^{l} Brainard, Esq.

NOTE. No other towns represented.—ED.

[A List of the Members of the Honorable Council in Session, at Exeter, 12th August, 1778.

Hon. Meshech Weare
Josiah Bartlett
Nicholas Gilman
Geo. King
Timothy Walker
John Wentworth

Ebenezer Thompson
Jona. Blanchard
Matthew Patten
Samuel Ashley
Benj^{a} Bellows.]

[P. 367.] Friday, August 14th 1778.

Upon motion, Voted and resolved that the Naval officer for the Port of Piscatqua be and hereby is directed not to Demand any Powder money for any Foreign Vessell that shall be cleared out from said Port untill further order of the General Assembly. [Concurred.]

[P. 368.] Upon motion, Voted, That Benjamin Herrington of the Province of Nova Scotia, now a Prisoner at Portsmouth, have leave to Depart this State & repair to Nova Scotia upon his Parole, he to send home to this State some one of the Prisoners now there belonging to this or any of the United States—[Concurred.]

Voted, That Capt. Gilman, Capt. Calfe, Mr. Odiorne, Col° Mooney & Col° Bartlett with such as the Honbl Board shall join, be a Committee to consider of all Petitions, Complaints, remonstrances, & accounts of all officers & soldiers who have been taken sick or wounded, or have met with losses in the service of this State or of the United States, & to report thereon. [Concurred—Mr. King, Mr. Walker & Mr. Blanchard joined.]

Voted, That it is not agreeable to this Assembly to discontinue [the riding of the weekly Courier from Providence to Exeter] but that the Same be kept·up untill the 25th day of December next, provided the other New England States agree thereto, and that the President inform Governor Trumbull hereof accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted. That Col° John McDuffee & Capt. Chamberlain, both of Rochester, and ——— Chamberlain Esqr of Middleton be a Committee to mark out the road petitioned for [from Leavitstown to Wakefield] to accommodate the said Inhabitants & other people in the best manner, and make report to this Court as soon as may be.

[P. 370.] P. M.

Voted & Resolved, That the Honbl Josiah Bartlett Esqr Ebenezer Thompson, Esqr and Timothy Walker (1) jun. Esqr be and hereby are chosen and appointed Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress to be holden for the United States of America, in November next, and that any two of them have full power to represent this State in said Congress for one year from the first of November next unless sooner recalled or superceeded by order of the Gen^{l} Assembly of this State. [Concurred.]

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(1) It does not appear that Mr. Walker accepted this appointment, or that he attended the Continental Congress as delegate.—ED.

[P. 371.] Monday, August 17th 1778.

Upon reading and considering the Petition of George Glen praying for a Permitt to go with his family to Great Britain to secure his interest there, Voted that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the President give him a Permitt accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 372.] Voted, That the President be desired to dispatch some person to Boston tomorrow morning, Express, and to return as soon as may be with the latest & best Intelligence from the army & Fleet at Rhode Island, and that for that end he wait on the Hon^{bl} Major General Heath and also Enquire of the Courier from Boston to Rhode Island. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, August 18th 1778.

[P. 374.] Voted, That three persons be chosen & appointed, in addition to Col. Josiah Bartlett, as Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress from the first of November next for one year from that time, unless sooner recalled or relieved from said service by order of the General Assembly of this State; and that John Wentworth jun. Esq^{r} William Whipple, Esq^{r} and George Frost, Esq^{r} be and hereby are chosen & appointed for that purpose, and that no more than two of said Delegates shall attend Congress at the same time. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Col^{o} Hobart, Mr. Gains, Mr. Odiorne, Mr. Porter, & Capt. Calfe, with such as the Hon^{bl} Board shall join be a Com^{tee} to represent to Congress or to our Delegates there the proceedings of the People on the Grants West of Connecticutt river & several Towns on the East side of said river; also to write to the people on said grants & remonstrate against their proceedings.(1) [Concurred—Mr. Walker & Mr. Thompson added.]

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(1) The proceedings of the New Hampshire Assembly, with the Letters and papers that relate to the controversy about the New Hampshire Grants (so called) are contained in a MS. volume in the Secretary's office, labelled "VERMONT CONTROVERSY, 1764–1791," to which all persons desirous of understanding the nature and extent of that long controversy are referred. It is much to be desired, in the opinion of the editor, that the said MS. volume should be published entire, by authority of the Legislature. A similar volume, containing the proceedings, letters, &c., of the Vermont government on that subject was published, under the editorship of Hon. William Slade, Jr., in 1823. The New York proceedings, and papers relating to the same, are found in Vols. VII. and VIII. of Documents relating to the Colonial Hist. of New York.—ED.

Wednesday, August 19th, 1778.

[P. 376.] Voted, That the Board of war charge this State with the supplies for the Continental Soldiers who rendezvoused at Exeter, and that the same be charged by this State to the Continent. [Concurred.]

[P. 378.] Whereas the Superior Court of Judicature, Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of Gen[1] Quar. Sessions of the peace for the County of Cheshire in said State, by an Act of this Government passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, "Intituled an Act for establishing Courts of Law for the Administration of Justice within this Colony," were appointed to be held in & for said County of Cheshire at certain times & places in the same Act mentioned—None of which said Courts have been held in said County since the passing said Act,—By means of which it has become necessary to make further Provision for the holding said Courts for the County aforesaid, and for the reviving all writs, Processes, Executions & other matters in Law, which were returnable to, and pending in any of the said Courts respectively at the time of the Establishment of the present Government: Wherefore

Be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That each of said Courts be and hereby are revived and Established, and shall in future be held in and for said County at such times & places as the same Act directs, and that all writs, processes, Executions & other matters in Law returnable to or pending in any of said Courts at the time of the Establishment of the present Government, or that are now pending therein, shall be returned to, sustained and determined by said Courts respectively (before whom the same by Law are recognizable) as tho' no Suspension of Such Courts had taken place, (Except such matters only as are incompatible with the present Government) at the first term of said respective Courts in said County. [Concurred & passed.]

[P. 379.] The Committee from both houses appointed to examine into and consider the case & circumstances of the several prisoners in Exeter Goal and report what measures are best to be taken with them in future made report as their opinion respecting the Prisoners in Exeter Goal, viz:

That John Shepard be brought to trial at the next Superior Court in this County, or as soon as may be, and that the agents for said State be directed imediately to procure all the evidence in their power relative thereto: And that Matthew Thornton (1) be detained in Goal untill the Superior Court shall sit in the County of Grafton, and then carried there and tried agreeable to the Law of this State—and that George Wood have liberty to sell so much of his estate under proper restrictions, as shall be sufficient to pay his fine and the charges; and that Joshua Jenness and James Warren Bragdon two Continental Soldiers be imediately sent to General Poor in order for trial by martial law,—all which is submitted.

Signed, Nich^s Gilman, for the Committee.

Which Report being read and considered, Voted That it be receiv'd and accepted. [Concurred.]

Thursday, August 20th 1778.

[P. 382.] Voted & Resolved, That the Hon^bl Meshech Weare Esq^r Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^r Nicholas Gilman, Esq^r Mr. Thomas Odiorne, John Dudley, Esq^r Capt. Sam^l Gilman, Maj^r Samuel Philbrick, Capt. John Calfe, Jonathan Lovewell, Esq^r Col^o Thomas Bartlett and Col^o John McClary, be and hereby are chosen and appointed a Committee of Safety for this State to transact the business of both Houses of Assembly in the recess of the General Court, and to continue untill another Committee of Safety for this State be chosen and appointed in their stead, &c. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved that Noah Emery Esq^r of Exeter be & hereby is chosen and appointed Notary Public and Tabellion for this State. [Concurred by Council, and also]

Vote appointing Mr. Thomas Odiorne agent to Collect Debts due to the State.

Vote empowering the Committee of Safety to draw orders on the Treasury in favor of those towns who advanced money to the Rhode Island Volunteers.

Vote appointing Ebenezer Thompson and Wyseman Clagett, Esq^rs Special Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature for this State.

Vote directing the Treasurer to notify by a printed hand-bill all Towns delinquent in paying their Taxes, to pay the same imediately or he will issue Extents.

Vote appointing Isaac Wyman, Thomas Sparhawk & Joseph Hammond Esq^rs to administer the oaths of office to the Justices of the Inferior Court for the County of Cheshire:

Vote directing the Board of War to supply the Troops at Rhode Island with necessaries.

Vote appointing Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r a Delegate to represent this State in Congress.

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(1) This Matthew Thornton was of the town of Thornton, in Grafton county.—Ed.

Friday, August 21st 1778.

[P. 389.] Voted, That the Selectmen of Londonderry be and hereby are ordered and directed to require of Jane Holland, the wife of Stephen Holland late of Londonderry, an absentee from this State, a Bond from two sufficient persons, in the sum of two hundred pounds, to the Speaker of the Hon^{bl} House of Representatives for the time being for the use of this State, conditioned for the payment of one hundred pounds in three months from this day to the Treasurer of this State for the use of the Government & People of said State for the rents & Incomes (the present year) of the Farms and buildings thereon in Londonderry aforesaid that lately be- [P. 390.] longed to the said Holland, and for her paying the Taxes of said Farms, and that she make no strip nor waste thereon & shall deliver up the said premises to the said Selectmen on or before the first day of March next ensuing, and that in case she refuse or neglect to give such Bond as aforesaid, that then they imediately remove her off from the said premises and take possession thereof with the produce thereof the present year, & that they supply her from time to time out of said produce with as much as they shall think sufficient for the support of her and her family until further order of this Court, or of the Committee of Safety of the State for the time being to whom they shall be accountable from time to time.(1) [Concurred.]

Saturday, August 22d 1778.

[P. 394.] Whereas in consequence of orders from the Committee of Safety, many of the officers & soldiers in this State

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(1) Stephen Holland was one of the persons whose property was confiscated and sold. In a MS. volume in Secretary's office, labelled "Province and Revolutionary papers," is a full account of all the expenses incurred in disposing of said estate. The charge made by the Selectmen is as follows: [See p. 151 of said volume.]

State of New Hampshire - - — Dr.

To Selectmen & Committee for Londonderry.

May 3d, 1777. Eight of said Committee & Selectmen convened at ye order of Colo. Samuel Folsom, then on ye public service of ye State: We assisted him sd Folsom in sarching Stephen Holland's Stores & Dispatched ten men & horses to ye severall ferrys upon Merrimack River; Also sarched several other Houses we suspected would secreet Him & set guards upon several Roads &c. Our expence & time	£2: 8: 0
May 7th. To taking an Inventory of sd Holland's parsonal Estate, Five Selectmen, seven of ye Committee	£3: 12: 0
To Cash payd for our Expences, viz. thirteen Dinars & Gallon Rum,	£1: 13: 6
June 2d. The Committee meet upon the Business of Mr. Holland, & Despatched two Men in Sarch of him, viz. Dr. John Aiken & Rt. Smith. Eight of Committee	£2: 8: 0
June 7th. Comitte meet att ye Request of Mrs. Holland, to hear some Letters read	£2: 8: 0
	£12: 9: 6

turned out with alacrity and are now under the command of General Sullivan at Rhode Island: Therefore,

Resolved & Voted, That the officers & soldiers aforesaid shall on proper pay rolls being presented at the end of the Campaign receive a reward adequate to their services in addition to the ten pounds each which was ordered them by the Committee of Safety. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the last contract made by the Committee of this State with Col^{o} Samuel Hobart for making Powder for this State be Dissolved and made void, and that the Committee of Safety be desired to make a new Contract with him for what Powder he has made for this State since the fourth of February A. D. 1777, and for what he shall hereafter make for this State during the current year. [Concurred.]

Acc^{ts} votes, acts, petitions &c. passed on by the house & concurred by the Council, from Aug. 12 to 22^{d}, 1778.

Petition of Relhan for incorporation, granted.
Balance of acc^{t} of Matthew Thornton, Esq^{r}. pd. £71: 10.
Prison keepers allowed 42*s* pr week for boarding prisoners.
Roll of Capt. Oliver Capron, pd. £208: 17: 8.
Lt. Jonathan Norris, wages, pd. £14: 8: 6.
Leavittstown incorporated by the name of Effingham.
Vote to repay money advanced to Rhode Isl. volunteers.

May 5, 1777. Mr. William Wallace sent upon ye Business of ye State pr order ye Selectmen and Comitte to the Honnorible Comitte of ye State to advise relative to the parsonal estate of sd Holland, who bro't us their order to seize, aprise & take Bond for sd parsonal estate &c. Sd Wallace time & expence	£1: 14: 0
Sept. 10, 1777. Mr. Jonathan Adams sent to Exeter to give intelligence Relative to a Petition then industriously caried & signed for ye Inlargement of sd Holland &c. His expence & time - — — — — -	£1: 4: 0
Decr. 9. To the time & expence of Select & Comitte men meet to give in Act. of their service Don in ye Behalf of ye State Relative to sd Holland,	£3: 6: 0
	£6: 4: 0.

The Gards posted pr Order of Malitia officers upon the several Roads & about the House of Mr. Holland, in the whole, one hundred & thirty two men one day.

[Other accounts were brought in at different times by the above said selectmen and committee (which see, pp. 154, 155), viz.,

James Nesmith, jun.	£9: 17: 6
John McKeen	3: 12: 0
James Wallace	3: 12: 0
Robt McMurphy	5: 8: 0
Thom's Wallace	3: 8: 0
John Aiken	3: 12: 0
John McKeen for a Journey to Exeter	2: 2: 0
	£31: 6: 6

And the final settlement was made by the State Committee on Claims, December 23d, 1778.]—ED.

Acct. of Simeon Ladd, pd. £11: 17.
Acct. of Ezekiel Carter pd. for nursing a sick soldier, £4: 6: 6.
Two Rolls of Capt. Titus Salter, £94, and £70: 14, pd.
£100 advanced to John T. Gilman to pay off wounded soldiers.
Joseph Metcalf & Abner Allen, soldiers, pd. 30*s*. each.
Col° Joseph Badger, acct. allowed, £175: 7: 6.
Acct. of Jeremiah Bartlett, for doctor's bill, &c. pd. £60.
Pd Wyseman Clagett, as attorney, £50.
Dr. Solomon Chase, allowed £69: 5: 6, for doctoring sick soldiers.
Balance of the acct. of George Frost, Esq. pd. £369: 17: 9.
Roll of Capt. Jonathan Brockway, pd. £51: 15: 4.
Resolve to allow Selectmen of Hampton-falls to rectify some mistakes in making their rates.
Resolve to enable the town of Westmoreland to choose a Collector.
Col° Jonathan Chase's acc^t pd. in Notes on interest, £364: 19: 11.
Act to enable Daniel Pierce to convey 50 acres of land.
Act to enable Mary Britain, widow, to convey certain lands.
Vote for Mr. Absalom Kingsbury to carry letters to Vermont.
Chief Justice, allowed £80, and Puisne judges & clerk, £65 each.
Wages of the Council & House settled.
Nathaniel S. Prentice Esq. to pay the Roll of Capt. Benjamin Flood, out of the public money in his hands.
James Rundlet, door keeper, pd. £9.
Vote regulating Fees & Fines.

Voted, That this Court be & hereby is adjourned to the last Wednesday of October next, then to meet at the Town house in Exeter at three o'clock afternoon, [Concurred] and this House is adjourned accordingly.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[P. 397.] A JOURNAL of the Proceedings of the Hon^{bl} House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their fifth and last Session begun & held at Exeter on the last Wednesday of October (being the 28th day of said month) A. Dom^{i} 1778, by adjournment from the 22^{d} day of August foregoing.

[Members of the House present the same as at the preceding session, with the addition only of Jos. Whipple, Esq. for North Umberland, Lancaster & associate towns.

Members of the Council present the same as before.—ED.]

Wednesday, October 28th 1778, P. M.

A Packet by a Flagg from the Commissioners from Great Britain was bro't into the House by the Hon^{bl} Speaker, & sent to the Board:

The act of the State of Mass^{ts} Bay Prohibiting the return of sundry persons therein named & others who have left the State or some other of the United States from returning into said State & residing there being read & considered,

Voted, That a Bill be drawn & presented to this house as soon as may be, similar to the Massachusetts Act above mentioned to prevent the return to this State of such persons who have left this State in manner aboves^{d}; and that Mr. Gains, Mr. Lovewell & Mr. Odiorne with such as the Hon^{bl} board shall appoint be a Committee to draw up and present said bill. [Concurred—Mr. King joined.]

Thursday, October 29th 1778, P. M.

[P. 398.] Voted, That Col. Nichols, Col. Bartlett, Dr. Dearborn, Col. Hobart & Capt. Alexander with such as the Honbl Board shall join, be a Committee to consider of all Petitions, complaints, remonstrances & accounts of all officers & soldiers who have been taken sick or wounded or have met with losses in the service of this State or of the United States, and to report thereon. [Concurred,—Mr. Gilman & Mr. Walker added.]

Voted, That one hundred & twenty men be enlisted as matrosses for the defence of the Forts at Piscataqua Harbour, to be divided equally into two companies, to be under the command of Capt. Titus Salter & Capt. Eliphalet Daniel with one Lieutenant to each Company, that they serve for one month from the time of Engagement unless sooner discharged, and that their wages be thirty dollars per month, &

Voted, That three hundred men be forthwith raised & equipped for the Defence of the Port & harbour of Piscataqua for one month unless sooner discharged, that their wages be thirty dollars per month, that they be drafted out of the several Regiments following, viz. Colo Even's Colo Gilman's Colo Bartlett's, Colo Thornton's, Colo Webster's & Colo McClary's regiments, the alarm-lists included, to be under the Command of such Militia officers as shall hereafter be appointed by the Genl Court or Committee of Safety—[Concurred.]

Voted, That the Schooner Venus, Capt. Oliver commander, laden with lumber & fish, be permitted to sail from Piscataqua on her intended voyage to Cape Francis, and that she be cleared accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 399.] Friday, October 30th 1778.

Voted, That the Marine or Naval officer for the Port of Piscataqua give Passes or Clearances to such Persons as have Vessells now lying in Piscataqua river as shall make to appear to his satisfaction that they are not upon any Illicit Trade nor Design to furnish our Enemies with any sort of Provisions, and shall give bond to land their Lading at such towns as they shall be cleared out for, and that from & after the fifth day of November next, he clear out no vessel with [P. 400.] corn or Provisions of any sort but what shall produce a Certificate or clearance from some Naval office from whence they came, or produce some good recommendation from the Selectmen or Committee of Safety or Correspondence of the place or Town they came from, that such provisions are necessary & wanted in such town or place, and give bond to deliver the same accordingly—excepting such Provisions as are necessary for the vessells crew. [Concurred.]

Saturday, October 31st, 1778.

[P. 401.] Voted and Resolved, That any one of the Delegates from this State to the Honbl Continental Congress be and hereby is authorized & impowered to represent this State in said Congress at all times in the absence of the other Delegates from this State, untill the Articles of Confederation of the United States shall be ratified by all the States. [Concurred.]

[P. 402.] Munday, Nov. 2d, 1778.

Voted, That Mr. Page, Mr. Underwood & Mr. Giles, with such as the Honbl board shall join be a Committee to draw up & present a Resolve to this House to prevent any person or persons within this State from entering or improving upon any Lands within this State supposed to belong to any person or persons Enemical to this State or to the United States. [Concurred—Mr. Blanchard joined.]

[P. 403.] Tuesday, Nov. 3d, 1778.

Voted, That the writs for calling in the next General Assembly be Directed to the Selectmen of the same towns & places as the last year, excepting where the present Representative of such towns & places shall apply to the Secretary for the writs to be directed to any other Town or place within their respective Districts.

[P. 404.] Voted, That the Committee appointed in May last together with Mr. John Smith & Jonathan Mitchell Sewell Esqr with such as the Honbl board shall join be a Committee to Draft & bring in a bill for confiscating the Estates of sundry persons therein to be named, and lay the same before this House. [Concurred—Mr. King joined.]

P. M.

Voted, That Warren Bragdon(1) be put on board one of the Continental Frigates or ships of War agreeable to his petition of Nov^{r} 2^{d}, 1778, and that the President give order accordingly. [Concurred.]

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(1) It appears that Warren Bragdon was a deserter from the army.—ED.

Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 1778.

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Board of War have and receive five per cent commissions as a full compensation for all their services to this State. [Concurred.]

Thursday, Nov^{r} 5th, 1778.

[P. 407.] Voted, That Mr. Underwood, Mr. Lovewell, Mr. Ellis, Capt. Moulton & Mr. Betton, with such as the Hon^{bl} board shall join, be a Committee to consider of all Petitions, accounts & Losses sustained by the soldiers & officers of this State who were taken at the Cedars in Canada, and also all Petitions, accounts & losses sustained by such officers & soldiers as went on the expedition to Canada under command of Col^{o} Arnold, & to report thereon.

[P. 408.] Voted, That Col^{o} Joshua Wentworth of Portsmouth, Mr. Joseph Gilman of Exeter, and Samuel Emerson Esq^{r} of Chester for the County of Rockingham; Thomas Westbrook Waldron Esq^{r} of Dover, Moses Carr Esq^{r} of Summersworth, and Col^{o} Joseph Badger of Gilmantown for the County of Strafford; Col^{o} Nahum Baldwin of Amherst, Timothy Farrar Esq^{r} of New Ipswich and Joshua Bayley Esq^{r} of Hopkinton, for the County of Hillsborough; Col^{o} Joseph Hammond of Swansey, Thomas Sparhawk Esq^{r} of Walpole, and Capt. Oliver Ashley of Claremont for the County of Cheshire; and Samuel Emerson Esq^{r} of Plimouth, Alexander Craige Esq^{r} of Rumney & Charles Johnson of Haverhill, Esq^{r} for the County of Grafton, be & hereby are appointed Committees for the said several & respective Counties, to receive of the several Town Clerks or Selectmen of each town & place in their respective Counties, the votes of each Town & place for Councillors for said State for the year ensuing; and that the Committee for Rockingham meet at Exeter in said County, & that the Committee for Strafford meet at Dover, That the Committee for Hillsborough meet at Amherst, that the Committee for Cheshire meet at Walpole, & the Committee for Grafton meet at Wentworth, on or before the second Wednesday of Dec^{r} next for the purpose of sorting & returning said Votes. [Concurred.]

Friday, Nov^r 6, 1778.

[P. 409.] Voted, That a Precept be sent to the Town of Conway, for a representative to represent the town of Conway, the town of Shelburne and the locations adjacent, in the Next General Assembly of this State.

The Committee to consider of what pay & allowance shall be made to the voluntiers & others that went on the Expedition to Rhode Island, Reported as their opinion,

That the Voluntiers that went to Rhode Island in the late expedition, be allow'd the ten pounds each (which they have already received by order of the Committee of Safety) for the use of his horse;—That each voluntier be allowed eight pence per mile out & home for travel to the several places of their abode—That the officers as there arranged, be allowed the same pay & subsistence money as officers of the same Rank have in the Continental Army;—That each soldier be allow'd five pounds per month—That each sargeant be allow'd five pounds, ten shillings per month;—That each corporal be allow'd five pounds & five shillings per month: All which is submitted—

Signed, J. Wentworth, chairman.

Which report being read & considered,

Voted, That the same be receiv'd & accepted, & that the pay rolls be made up accordingly. [Concurred.]

[P. 410.] P. M.

This day Mr. Joseph Whipple made return of a precept, whereby he was chosen & appointed to represent the Towns of Lancaster, Northumberland &c. &c. and took the oath of fidelity to this State and took his seat in the house accordingly.

[P. 411.] Saturday Nov^r 7th 1778.

Voted, That Mr. Thornton, brother to Matthew Thornton, jun^r now in prison in Exeter, be admitted to visit his said brother in Prison, the Prison-keeper attending him.

The Committee to whom was referred the Account of the State of Connecticutt against the State of New Hampshire reported:

That they have examined said account and find part of the charge, viz. £59:14:6 for money supplied New Hampshire officers returning from captivity, and for sick soldiers in the service of said State, and the remainder of said account amounting to £20:15:5, for supplies to soldiers who said they belonged to New Hampshire, but by the names of the officers they served under were in the Massachusetts service.

Signed, E. Thompson, for the Committee.

Which report being read and considered,

Voted, That the same be received & accepted and that the President give order of payment of said sum of £59 : 14 : 6 to Mr. Fenn Wadsworth. [Concurred.]

[P. 412.] Voted, That the wife & daughter of Jeremiah Pote have liberty to go on board the Flagg now lying in Piscataqua harbour to see the said Pote & converse with him under the inspection of Col° Supply Clapp. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Post rider from Providence to this State discontinue his further services in that way as his further services appears to this State unnecessary, and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Vote to the President of the Council at Boston—[Concurred.]

[P. 414.] Tuesday, Nov^r^ 10^th^ 1778.

Voted and Resolved, That the Vote of this house of the third of Nov^r^ Inst. " That Warren Bragdon be put on board one of the Continental Frigates or ships of War, agreeable to his Petition of Nov^r^ 2^d^ 1778," be not construd to deprive any person from apprehending him & prosecuting him for any criminal offence or breach of the peace. [Concurred.]

Wednesday Nov. 11, 1778.

[P. 415.] The Committee on the Letter from H. Laurens, Esq^r^(1) & resolves of Congress attending the same, reported their opinion:

That all the Persons on board the Flagg which bro't the manifestos be forthwith taken up & secured in safe & close custody, agreeable to the resolve of Congress.

Sign'd, Nich^s^ Gilman, for the Committee.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted That the same be rec^d^ and accepted—and further Voted, That the Sheriff of the County of Rockingham be and hereby is directed to seize the said Flagg and all persons that came in the said Flagg and secure them in safe & close custody, and secure the said Flagg & all her Tackle and appurtenances untill further order of the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State. [Concurred.]

[P. 416.] Voted, That the Flagg of Truce which bro't

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(1) The letter of H. Laurens, and the Resolves of Congress referred to, have not been found.—ED.

Prisoners to Piscataqua be permitted to sail to her destined Port. [Concurred.]

Whereas this State cannot be supplied with a sufficient Quantity of paper for its own consumption without the particular care of its Inhabitants in saving Raggs for the paper mill,—Therefore

Resolved, That the selectmen or Committees of Safety of the Several Towns & places in this State be and they hereby are required imediately to appoint some suitable person in their respective Towns and places (where it is not already done) to receive Raggs for the paper Mill under the direction of Richard Jordan of Exeter who is to pay for the same; and the Inhabitants of this State are hereby desired to be very carefull in saving even the smallest quantity of raggs proper for making paper, which will be a further evidence of their disposition to promote the public good. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Treasurer be and hereby is directed to receive into the Treasury for Taxes all bills of this State which are altered from lesser to greater for the sums they were first made for, & that he keep an account thereof & of the persons he received them of. [Concurred.]

[P. 417.] An Act to prevent the return to this State of certain Persons therein named, and of others who have left or shall leave this State or either of the United States of America & have joined the Enemies thereof, was read a third time & Passed to be Enacted. [Concurred & passed.]

[See this Act in full, on a subsequent page, following the dissolution of this Assembly.]

[P. 420.] Voted, That if any Member of this House shall after entering for the day be absent more than half an hour agreeable to the rules of this house, shall be struck off the list for the day unless he give satisfactory reasons to the house for such absence.

Friday, Nov. 13th, 1778.

[P. 423.] Upon considering the Petition of the officers and soldiers of the first Company of Militia in the Town of Pembroke to be disjoined from the regiment commanded by Col° Daniel Moore and annexed to the regiment commanded by Col° Thomas Stickney:

Resolved, That the said first Company of Militia in said Pembroke commonly called the English Company, be seperated and disjoined from the Regiment commanded by the said Col° Daniel Moore, and be annexed and joined to the Regiment commanded by Col° Thomas Stickney, and that in future they be considered & taken as part of the said last mentioned regiment & demean themselves accordingly. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Nov^r^ 14^th^, 1778.

[P. 424.] Voted, That Samuel Abbott now a prisoner in Exeter Goal have liberty of the Prison Yard, he giving Bond to the Speaker of the Hon^bl^ house of Representatives for the time being for the use of this State with sureties in the sum of £2000 for his remaining a true prisoner there during the Pleasure of this Court.

Tuesday, Nov^r^ 17^th^, 1778.

[P. 427.] Voted, That the Hon^bl^ Board of War be directed to issue & settle their accounts with this State on or before Friday the 20^th^ Instant. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Mr. Gains, Capt. Moulton & Mr. Potter be desired to prepare the form of a Proclamation for a General Thanksgiving throughout this State.

[P. 428.] [In Committee of the whole] Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq. in the Chair, proceeded to consider of sundry matters to them referred, and after debate & full consideration thereon came to the following Resolution and Report:

That a Resolve be Passed by the General Assembly of this State signifying that they highly approve of the conduct of the American Congress in rejecting the offers of the Commissioners from the King of Great Britain; and also their conduct in making Warr or Peace, and in making alliances with any Nation or Nations, as Congress shall see fit.

That in the opinion of this Committee all such Persons as have since the commencement of hostilities between Great Britain & the United States gone over to and joined the Enemies of these States by taking arms against the United States or any of them or aided, assisted or abetted our said Enemies in the present unhappy warr, have justly forfeited their Estates real & personal to this State, and that the same ought to be confiscated & sold for the use of this State: (The Committee not having finished, adj. to 9 o'clock tomorrow.)

[P. 429.] That in their opinion, An Act be passed by the General Court to confiscate and sell for the benefit of this State, the Estates Real & personal of such persons as are to be therein named, being Notorious Enemies to the United States.

That An Act be passed for the holding two Superior Courts annually in the Counties of Strafford and Hillsborough.

The Committee then dissolved, and the speaker resumed the Chair and the said Report being read & considered, Voted, That the same be received & accepted.

Wednesday, Nov^{r} 18th, 1778.

The Committee on the affair of William Baxter reported their opinion:(1)

That the said William Baxter be forthwith delivered to the sheriff of this County (of Rockingham) to be by him kept in custody, with the persons who came in the Flagg which bro't the Manifestos in order to be sent back to New York by the first conveyance.

Sign'd George King, Chairman.

Which report being read & considered, Voted That the same be received & accepted, and that the President give order accordingly.

Thursday, Nov^{r} 19th 1778.

[P. 431.] A Proclamation for a General Thanksgiving on the tenth day of December next was read & ordered to be sign'd by the President & Speaker of the House & dispersed throughout this State. [Concurred.]

P. M.

Voted, That James Mills a soldier in Capt. Stillson's company at Ticonderoga be made up in the Roll of Lieut. Stephen Hoit as a private in said Company for one months wages, and same money as other soldiers in said Roll are made up. [Concurred.]

[P. 435.] Voted, That Mr. Odiorne be and hereby is appointed to take all the Acts & Laws passed this Session and get them printed in such numbers that each member of the Gen^{l} Court may have one sett, and each town and parish represented one sett, and that he disperse them accordingly.

Friday, Nov^{r} 20th 1778.

[P. 436.] Voted, That the Rev^{d} Mr. Augustine Hibbard (2) be allowed & paid as a Chaplain of General Stark's Brigade in the year 1777, deducting from the said pay what he had already received as regimental Chaplain, he being made up as such in Col^{o} David Hobarts Staff Roll; and the President give order accordingly. [Concurred.]

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(1) The action on the case of Wm. Baxter was founded on a letter from Nathan'l S. Prentice, Esq., which letter cannot now be found.—ED.

(2) Rev. Augustine Hibbard was Congregational minister of Claremont from 1774 to 1785.—ED.

[P. 437.] The Petition of William Stevens being read & considered,

Voted, That the said William Stevens being a Continental soldier, who has been detained by sickness within this State, and is now able to do some duty in his regiment, Be directed to march to Boston & apply to the commander in chief there, or some other Continental officer to put him on duty. [Concurred.]

Saturday, Nov^{r} 21st 1778.

[P. 439.] Voted, That Eleazer Russell, Esq^{r} of Portsmouth be & hereby is appointed Naval Officer for the Port of Piscataqua in this State, untill further order of the General Assembly. [Concurred.]

Voted, That Samuel Hale Esq^{r} & Woodbury Langdon Esq^{r} both of Portsmouth, Levi Dearborn, Esq^{r} of Northampton, Samuel Philbrick Esq^{r} of Kingston and Mark Wiggin Esq^{r} of Stratham, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; That Thomas Sparhawk, Esq^{r} of Walpole, Reuben Alexander, Esq^{r} of Winchester, Samuel Gustin, Esq^{r} of Marlow & John Mellen Esq^{r} of Fitz William, be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; That Charles Johnson, Esq^{r} of Haverhill be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton; That Hercules Mooney Esq^{r} of Lee be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the thanks of the General Court of this State be given to the Hon^{bl} Major General Sullivan for his spirited conduct in the late Action at Rhode Island, and that the President be requested to write to him an Answer to his late Letter and enclose a Copy of this vote therein.(1)

The Committee appointed by the Council & house of Representatives to estimate the Damages & Rents of sundry houses improved as Barracks in the years 1775 & 1776, by Capt. Parr's Rifle men & other Continental troops under the command of Col. Peirse Long, having met for the purpose aforesaid, and after a full survey of the buildings at New

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(1) Neither the letter of Gen. Sullivan, nor that of President Weare, is found on file. See, however, Adj. Gen. Report, N. H., 1866, Vol. II, pp. 341-352, and Farm. Belk. Hist., v. 376.—ED.

Castle, at Seavy's Island and Capt. George Janvrins Island, Do agree to Report as follows, viz.

To Meshech Bell for his house and damage,		£45: 0: 0
To William Vinard for	Ditto	10: 0: 0
To Jane Watkins for	Ditto	20: 0: 0
To Henry Foss,	Ditto	12: 0: 0
[p. 440.] To Matthew Bell	Do.	28: 0: 0
To John Simpson	Do.	24: 0: 0
To Shadrach Bell	Do.	90: 0: 0
To Daniel Warner	Do.	56: 0: 0
To Thomas Bell	Do.	72: 0: 0
To Robert White	Do.	76: 0: 0
To John Tarlton	Do.	20: 0: 0
To George Frost, for his old house & —	Do.	32: 0: 0
To William Trundy	Do.	12: 0: 0
To Robert Lapish	Do.	30: 0: 0
To Mrs. Shannon	Do.	16: 0: 0
To Richard Yeaton	Do.	6: 0: 0
To Joseph Frost	Do.	7: 0: 0
To George Frost for new house &	Do.	16: 0: 0
To William Jones	Do.	15: 0: 0
To Mrs. Moodey	Do.	120: 0: 0
To Mr. Chase for Parsonage,	Do.	80: 0: 0
To Henry Prescott	Do.	30: 0: 0
To Stephen Batson	Do.	13: 0: 0
To George Jaffrey	Do.	24: 0: 0
To Samuel Furnald	Do.	10: 0: 0
To John Furnald	Do.	12: 0: 0
To Stephen Seavey	Do.	20: 0: 0
To Stephen Jenkins	Do.	7: 0: 0
To George Janvrin	Do.	65: 0: 0
		£968: 0: 0

This account of nine hundred & sixty eight pounds, appears to your Committee to be due to the above mentioned twenty-nine persons for the improvement of their houses and lands for the purposes before mentioned, and all their Damages, all which is submitted by George Gains for said Committee.

Which report being read and considered

Voted, That the Same be received and accepted, and that the President give orders of payment accordingly to George Gains. [Concurred.]

Munday, Nov^{r} 23^{d} 1778.

[p. 441.] The petition of Elizabeth Stark wife of the Hon^{bl} Brigad^{r} John Stark praying for leave to inoculate herself & family for the Small Pox, being read & considered, Voted, That the prayer thereof be not granted.

Voted, That Capt. Harriman, Col° Webster, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Giles & Mr. Hodgdon, with such as the Hon^bl^ Board shall join be a Committee to consider of a certain Anonymous Letter bro't into this house by Mr. Ames, and to report thereon. [Concurred.]

Tuesday, Nov^r^ 24^th^ 1778.

[P. 442.] Whereas by reason of the present Warr the Courts of Law within the County of Cheshire have for a long time past been inactive, and the several actions in each Court pending cannot be bro't forward;

Resolved, That hence forward the Courts of Common Pleas, Gen^l^ Session of the Peace & Superior Courts of Judicature within said County, be opened & held at the several times & places prescribed by Law for holding said Courts respectively: And all appeals or other matters which have been or now are returnable to either of the said Courts shall be taken up & sustained by the Court or Courts respectively to which the same were returnable or appealed, and all writs, Processes, Judgment & Executions in either of said Courts pending at the time of their last sitting are hereby revived in the same manner as if no lapse had intervened. [Concurred.]

The Committee on an Anonymous letter (1) bro't into this house by Mr. Ames, having considered the same, conversed with Col° Peabody, examined Doct^r^ Hedges on oath, agree to Report:

That they think the said Paper to be a scandalous infamous performance of some inveterate enemy or enemies of the United States framed for the purpose of bringing into disgrace persons employed to bring them to justice, and to set the good people of these States at variance with each other.

Signed— Nath^l^ Gilman, for the Com^tee^.

Which report being read and consider'd, Voted that the same be rec^d^ & accepted.

Wednesday, Nov^r^ 25^th^, 1778.

Voted, That Mr. Giles & Mr. Cutts wait on the Committee for drawing acts and desire them as soon as may be to draw up a bill for declaring forfeit to this State & for confiscating to the use of this State, all the Estates both real & personal of such persons as shall be named in said bill, within this State, who are notorious enemies to this or either of the United States.

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(1) The editor has not been able to find the said anonymous letter.—ED.

Voted, That Mr. Cutts, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Smiley, Capt. Blunt, Mr. Hodgdon, Col° Nichols, Mr. Giles, Mr. Lovewell & Mr. Worcester, with such as the Honbl board shall join be a Committee to name to this house such persons as shall be named in a bill to be passed for declaring forfeit to this State & for confiscating to the use of this State, all the Estates (within this State) both real & personal of such persons, who are notorious Enemies to this or either of the United States, and also to Nominate to this house Commissioners in each County in this State to take into Possession such Estates & to dispose thereof in such way & manner as in & by said bill shall be provided, and report the same to this house as soon as may be.(1) [Concurred—and Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Walker & Mr. Ashley joined.]

[P. 445.] The Committee on the affairs of the Courts in the County of Cheshire reported their opinion:

That a Commission be made out appointing the Honbl Samuel Ashley, Benjamin Bellows, Samuel Chase & Benjamin Giles, Esqr Standing Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cheshire, and that Commissions be made out appointing Col° Samuel Hunt & Thomas Aplin, Esqr Special Justices of said Court—which is submitted.

Sign'd, Josiah Bartlett, for the Committee.

Which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received & accepted, and that the President take order accordingly. [Concurred.]

[The President of the Council and the Secretary were appointed to administer the oaths to the aforesaid Justices, and the said Justices then to administer oaths to all other Justices and officers of said Court.—ED.]

Friday, Novr 27th, 1778.

Resolved, That Michael Wentworth, Esq. of Portsmouth, who lately returned to this State from Europe, be and hereby is exempted from all forfeitures, Pains & Penalties inflicted by an Act lately passed by the General Court of this State Intituled, "An Act to prevent the return to this State of certain persons therein named &c." untill the further order of the General Court, of which all officers therein named are to take notice. [Concurred.]

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(1) See the said Act in full, on a subsequent page, with all the names returned, as embraced in the bill; also the Commissioners for each County.—ED.

[P. 456.] Saturday, Nov. 28th, 1778.

Voted, That the thanks of this House be given to the Honbl Speaker and Speaker pro tempore, to the Clerk & assistant Clerk of this house for their good services in their several stations.

Voted, That this house be and hereby is Dissolved.

Sent up by J. Wentworth, jun. Esqr.

The above Vote being concurr'd the House Dissolved accordingly.

Attt N. EMERY, Clk. Assembly.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following two very important Bills were passed in the foregoing session.—ED.

PUBLIC ACTS.

State of New Hampshire } In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy eight.

Seal

An Act to prevent the return to this State of certain persons therein named, and of others who have left or shall leave this State, or either of the United States of America and have joined or shall join the Enemies thereof.

WHEREAS John Wentworth Esq. late Governor of this State, Peter Livius Esq; John Fisher Esq; George Meserve Esq; Robert Traill Esq; George Boyd Esq; John Fenton Esq; John Cochran Esq; Samuel Hale Jr. Esq; Edward Parry Esq; Thomas McDonough Esq; Major Robert Rogers; Andrew Pepperell Sparhawk alias Andrew Peperell Esq; Patrick Burn Mariner, John Smith Mariner, William Johnson Rysam Mariner, Stephen Little Physician, Thomas Achincloss, Archibald Achincloss, Robert Robertson, Hugh Henderson, Gillam Butler, James McMasters, John McMasters, George Craigie, Merchants; James Bixby Yeoman; William Pevey Mariner, Benjamin Hart Ropemaker, Bartholomew Stavers post-Rider, Philip Bayley Trader, Samuel Holland Esq; Benning Wentworth Gentleman, and Jude Kennison Mariner, all of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham; Jonathan Dix of Pembroke Trader, Robert Luist Fowler of Exeter printer, Benjamin Thompson Esq., of Concord, Jacob Brown and George Bell of New Market, Traders, Stephen Holland Esq. Richard Holland Yeoman, John Davidson yeoman, James Fulton yeoman, Thomas Smith Yeoman, and Dennis O'Hala yeoman, of Londonderry all in the County of Rockingham aforesaid; Edward Goldstone Lutwyche of Merrimack Esq; Samuel Cummings Esq; Benjamin Whitney Esq. and Thomas Cummings Yeoman of Hollis—William Stark Esq; John Stark Yeoman son of the said William, John Stinson Yeoman, John Stinson Jr. Yeoman, Samuel Stinson Yeoman, and Jeremiah Bower Yeoman of Dunbarton, Zaccheus Cutler Trader and John Holland Gentleman of Amherst, Daniel Farnsworth of New Ipswich, Yeoman, & John Quigly Esq of Francestown, & John Morrison of Peterborough Clerk, all in the County of Hillsborough —Josiah Pomroy Physician, Elijah Williams Esq. Thomas Cutler Gentleman, Eleazer Sawyer Yeoman and Robert Gilmore Yeoman of Keen, Breed Batchelder of Packersfield Gentleman, Simon Baxter, Yeoman and William Baxter Yeoman of Alstead, Solomon Willard of Winchester Gentleman, Jesse Rice of Rindge Physician, Enos Stevens Gentleman, Phinehas Stevens Physician, Solomon Stevens Yeoman, & Levi Willard Gentleman of Charlestown, John Brooks of Claremont Yeoman

& Josiah Jones, and Simon Jones of Hinsdale Gent^n all in the County of Cheshire and all other persons who have left or shall leave this State or any other of the United States of America as aforesaid, and have joined or shall join the Enemies thereof, and of the United States aforesaid, thereby not only basely deserting the Cause of Liberty and depriving these States of their personal services at a time when they ought to have afforded their utmost assistance in defending the same against the Invasions of a cruel Enemy; but abetting the Cause of Tyranny, and manifesting an inemical disposition to said States and a design to aid the Enemies thereof in their wicked purposes—AND WHEREAS, many Dangers may accrue to this State & to the United States aforesaid, if such persons should be again admitted to reside in this State—

Be it therefore ENACTED by the COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same that if the said John Wentworth, Peter Livius, John Fisher, George Meserve, Robert Traill, George Boyd, John Fenton, John Cochran, Samuel Hale Jr., Edward Parry, Thomas Mc' Donough, Robert Rogers, Andrew Pepperrell Sparhawk alias Andrew Pepperrell, Patrick Burn, John Smith, William Johnson Rysam, Stephen Little, Thomas Achincloss, Archibald Achincloss, Robert Robertson, Hugh Henderson, Gillam Butler, James Mc' Masters, John Mc' Masters, George Craigie, James Bixby, William Pevey, Benjamin Hart, Bartholomew Stevens Philip Bayley, Samuel Holland, Benning Wentworth, Jude Kennison, Jonathan Dix, Robert L. Fowle, Benjamin Thompson, Jacob Brown, George Bell, Stephen Holland, Richard Holland, John Davidson, James Fulton, Thomas Smith, Dennis O'Hala, Edward Goldstone Lutwyche, Samuel Cummings, Benjamin Whiting, Thomas Cummings, William Stark, John Stark, John Stinson, John Stinson Jr. Samuel Stinson, Jeremiah Brown, Zaccheus Cutler, John Holland, Daniel Farnsworth, John Quigley, John Morrison, Josiah Pomroy, Elijah Williams, Thomas Cutler, Eleazer Sanger, Robert Gilmore, Breed Batchelder, Simon Baxter, William Baxter, Solomon Willard, Jesse Rice, Enos Stevens, Phinehas Stevens, Solomon Stevens, Levi Willard, John Brooks, Josiah Jones and Simeon Jones, or any or either of them, and all other Persons though not specially named in this Act who have left or shall leave this State, or either of the United States aforesaid and joined or shall join the Enemies thereof as aforesaid shall after passing this Act voluntarily return to this State without leave first had and obtained therefor from the General Assembly of this State by special Act for that purpose; it shall be the duty of the Sheriff (his under Sheriff and Deputies) of the County and of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Committees of Safety, Grand Jurors, Constables and Tythingmen, and of all others, Inhabitants of the Town, Parish or District wherein such person or persons may presume to come, and they are hereby respectively impowered & directed forthwith to apprehend and carry such person or persons before some Justice of the Peace within the same County, who is hereby required to commit him or them to the Common Goal within the same County, there in close Custody to remain until he or they shall be sent out of the State as is herein after directed.

And such Justice is hereby directed to give immediate information thereof to the Board of War in this State. And the said Board of War is hereby impowered and directed to cause such person or persons so committed to be transported to some part or place within the Dominions, or in the possession of the Forces of the King of Great Britain as soon as may be after receiving such information; those who are able at their own expense, and others who are unable, at the Expense of this State—and for that purpose to hire a vessel or vessels if need be.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons, so transported shall voluntarily return into this State without leave had and obtained therefor in manner as beforementioned. He or they shall on conviction thereof before the Superior Court of Judicature suffer the pains of Death.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any Master of a ship or other vessel shall after the passing of this Act Knowingly bring into any Port, Harbor or place within this State, any of the persons before described, or if any person shall wilfully or willingly harbour or conceal any of them after their Return to this State, and contrary to the design of this Act, such Master or person so offending, shall on Conviction thereof before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County where the offence shall be committed or before the Superior Court of Judicature forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds the one half thereof to the use of this State, and the other half to the use of him or them, who shall sue for the same.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the President of the Council be and hereby is requested to write to the several Legislative Assemblies in the United States of America, enclosing a copy of this Act, & desiring them to transmit to this Assembly a List of all persons who have left their respective States & joined the Enemies of the United States in order that such persons may be prevented from residing in this State.

And the Secretary of this State is hereby directed to cause this Act to be published in the New Hampshire Newspapers and also in Handbills—and to transmit fifty copies thereof to the Ministers or Commissioners of the United States at the Court of France as soon as may be, who are desired to cause the same to be made public immediately after they shall have received them, that so the persons named and described herein may be deterred from attempting to come within this State, without leave first had and obtained therefor as aforesaid.

State of New Hampshire } In the House of Representatives Nov. 11, 1778, This bill having been read a third time Voted that it Pass to be Enacted.

Sent up for Concurrence—

John Langdon, Speaker

In Council, November 19, 1778, This Bill read a third time & Voted that the same be Enacted.

M. WEARE, President.

State of New Hampshire } In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

(Seal)

An Act to confiscate the estates of sundry persons therein named.

Whereas John Wentworth Esq., Samuel Holland Esq., George Meserve Esq, John Cochran Esq, Thomas Mc'Donough Esq, William Johnson Rysam, James Mc'Masters, John Mc'Masters, Benning Wentworth Gent. Robert Luist Fowle, Stephen Holland Esq, Edward Goldstone Lutwyche Esq, Samuel Cummings Esq, Benjamin Whiting Esq, William Stark Esq, John Stinson, Zacheus Cutler, John Quigley Esq, Daniel Farnsworth, Josiah Pumroy, Elijah Williams Esq, Breed Bachelder, Enos Stevens, Simon Baxter, John Brooks, Crane Brush, Samuel Tarbell and James Rogers Esq, have since the commencement of hostilities between Great Brittain and the United States of America left this and the other United States and gone over to and joined the enemys thereof and have to the utmost of their power aided, abetted and assisted the said enemys in their cruel designs of wresting from the good people of said states their Libertys civil and religious, and of taking from them their property and converting the same to the use of their said enemys, Whereby they have justly forfeited all right to protection from either of said states and also their right to any further enjoyment of their interest and property being within this State;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted that the whole estate, real and personal, of the said John Wentworth, Samuel Holland, George Meserve, John Cochran, Thomas Mc'Donough, William Johnson Rysam, James Mc'Masters, John Mc'Masters, Benning Wentworth, Robert Luist Fowle, Stephen Holland, Edward Goldstone Lutwyche, Samuel Cummings, Benjamin Whiting, William Stark, John Stinson, Zacheus Cutler, John Quigley, Daniel Farnsworth, Josiah Pumroy, Elijah Williams, Breed Bachelder, Enos Stevens, Simon Baxter, John Brooks, Crane Brush, Samuel Tarbell, and James Rogers, and of each and every of them, lying and being within this state, be, and hereby is, declared to be forfeited to this state and that the same be for the use thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Col. Samuel Folsom, Major George Gaines, and Mr. Robert Smith, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the County of Rockingham, to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates, real and personal, of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act, forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State, which may be found situate, lying and being within the County of Rockingham aforesaid.

And that Major Caleb Hodgedon, Mr. John Burnham Hanson, and Col. Joseph Badger, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the County of Strafford, to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates, real and personal, of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq, and others named in the preamble of this Act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State, which may be found situate, lying, and being within the County of Strafford aforesaid :

And that Col Moses Nicholls, James Underwood Esq, and Col Noah Lovewell, be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the County of Hillsborough, to enter into and take possession of all and singular the Estates, real and personal, of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq, and others named in the preamble of this Act, forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State, which may be found situate, lying and being within the County of Hillsborough aforesaid :

And that Benjamin Giles Esq, Major Timothy Ellis, and Mr Elijah Babcock, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the County of Cheshire to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates, real and personal, of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this Act, forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State which may be found situate, lying, and being within the County of Cheshire aforesaid:

And that Francis Worster, Samuel Emerson, and Charles Johnson Esquires, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the County of Grafton to enter into and take possession of all and singular, the estates, real and personal, of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq, and others named in the preamble of this Act, forfeited as aforesaid, for the use of this State, which may be found situate, lying, and being within the County of Grafton aforesaid ; and that the several committees aforesaid make out fair inventorys of all such estates, real and personal, as they may enter into and take possession of as aforesaid, and return the same to the General Court for the time being. And all selectmen, and all other persons whatsoever that may have in their possession any of the estates aforesaid taken by them in pursuance of any Act, Resolve or Order of this State, are hereby directed to deliver the same to the committees aforesaid within their respective Countys.

And the said respective committees are hereby impowered and directed to sell at public auction such personal estate as may come to their hands by virtue of this Act, and account for the same to the General Court. And the several committees aforesaid are hereby required, before they enter upon their office aforesaid, to be sworn before some magistrate to the faithful discharge of their duty.

Provided nevertheless, that the several Committees aforesaid after taking such Inventories shall leave out of the personal Estate such articles as they shall deem necessary for the use and support of any of the families of the persons aforementioned.

State of }
New Hamp^r^ } In the House of Representatives, Novem^r^ 27^th^ 1778—
The foregoing Bill having been read a third time;
Voted; that it pass to be Enacted
Sent up for Concurrence—
John Dudley—Speaker pro tem.

In Council, Novem^r^ 28^th^ 1778: This Bill was read a third time and—
Voted, that the same be Enacted.

M. Weare, Prest.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following is a summary of the proceedings of both Houses of the General Assembly, in their first Session from December 18th to December 26th 1778. Copied from the *Records of the Council*, as contained in a MS. Vol. in the Secretary's office, labelled "COUNCIL RECORDS 1778 to 1784."

Pages in the margin correspond with those in the Council Records. —ED.

Friday, December 18th 1778.

[P. 57.] Vote appointing the 30th day of December current to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving throughout this State. [Concurred.](1)

[P. 58.] Tuesday, December 22d.

Vote directing the Board of War to supply such Continental Soldiers as are now in Goal within this State with necessaries, until they be sent forward to their respective Corps.

Vote to desire Ebenezer Hazard Esqr Deputy Post master Genl to procure orders for the post-rider from Boston to Portsmouth, to ride thro' the town of Exeter weekly and to establish a Post-office there.

[P. 59.] Vote directing the Committee of Safety to ascertain the Towns delinquent in raising their Quotas of Continental soldiers.

Wednesday, Decr 23d.

Vote appointing Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Nicholas Gilman, Ebenezer Thompson, Nathaniel Peabody, Nathaniel Folsom, Hercules Mooney, John McClary, George Gains, John Dudley and Josiah Moulton Esqrs and Capt. Samuel

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(1) Readers will please take notice that all the votes given in this summary were *concurred* by both houses.—ED.

Gilman a Committee of Safety with all the powers of former Committees of Safety in this State.

Vote appointing Mr. Joseph Gilman & Capt. Josiah Gilman a Committee on Claims.

Vote appointing Col° Joshua Wentworth, Mr. John Penhallow and Mr. Joseph Gilman, a Board of War for this State the ensuing year.

Vote appointing Nicholas Gilman Esq^r Treasurer and Receiver General of this State for the year ensuing.

Vote appointing Samuel Livermore Esq^r Attorney General of this State for the year ensuing; and Mr. Thomas Odiorne agent for the State, to take care & keep the accounts of this State with individuals.

Vote giving leave to Nicholas Gilman Esq^r and others to send the Schooner Hermit, Nathaniel Giddinge master, to some one of the Southern States for a load of provisions.

Thursday, Dec^r 24^th.

Vote for John Taylor Gilman to receive out of the Treasury £300 to pay pensions to disabled soldiers—to be accounted for by him.

[p. 60.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to draught & bring in a Bill to make void all attachments on Estates of persons joined the Enemies of the United States. [Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Walker added to house Committee, viz. Mr. Blodgett, Langdon, Mooney, Gains, Hobart, Capt. Gilman, and Knowles.]

Vote directing the Naval officer at Portsmouth to permit no vessel to sail from Portsmouth or Piscataqua harbour with more provisions on board than what is necessary for their voyage, until further order of the General Assembly.

Note by the Editor.

The following paper is one of much importance in relation to the controversy between New Hampshire and Vermont about what are called "The New Hampshire Grants." It was discovered by the editor in a printed collection of pamphlets in the library of the New Hampshire Historical Society, and is supposed to be very rare, if not the only one in existence.

RESOLVES

OF A

CONVENTION

HELD ON THE

New-Hampshire Grants.

At a Convention of Delegates from twenty-two Towns on the New-Hampshire *Grants from both Sides of* Connecticut-*River, held at Cornish, Dec. 9th, 1778.*

Voted unanimously,

1. THAT the members of this Convention will unite together for the purpose of pursuing such legal and regular measures as may have a tendency to secure to these Grants the benefits of good government, without any regard to the destinction made by the arbitrary line drawn on the western bank of *Connecticut*-river by the King in Council in the year 1764.

2. A pamphlet entitled *A public defence of the right of the New-Hampshire Grants, &c.* compiled by the major part of a Committee appointed by the Assembly of *Vermont* for that purpose, was repeatedly read, and unanimously approved.

3. Whereas notwithstanding the request for this Convention, but few of those towns whose members continue to act with said Assembly after the protesting members had withdrawn, have sent members to this Convention; and the conduct of the Assembly in passing the votes and resolves contained in their printed journals, the protest, remarks &c. have rendered it impracticable for said Assembly to carry into execution said resolves as therein proposed, which difficulty will continue so long as said votes stand in force; and as the people in those towns by justifying the conduct of the Assembly in violating the constitution, will on their part dissolve the solemn compact which they entered into by the confederation, and the people consequently become discharged from

their allegiance and obligations to the State. Therefore voted, that the proposals contained in the beforementioned address, be made to *New-Hampshire*, viz.

1. To agree upon and settle a dividing line between New-Hampshire and the Grants, by committees from each party, or otherwise, as they may mutually agree.

Or, 2. That the parties mutually agree in the appointment of a Court of Commissioners of disinterested judicious men of the three other New-England States, to hear and determine the dispute.

Or, 3. That the whole dispute with New-Hampshire be submitted to the decision of Congress in such way and manner as Congress in their wisdom shall prescribe.

Provided always, That the Grants be allowed equal privileges with the other party, in espousing and conducting their cause.

Or, 4. If the controversy cannot be settled on either of the foregoing articles, and in case we can agree with New-Hampshire upon a plan of government, inclusive of extent of territory, that we unite with them, and become with them one entire State, rejecting the arbitrary line drawn on the western bank of Connecticut-river, by the King of Great-Britain in 1764.

4. Voted, That the inhabitants of those towns on the Grants, in the State of *Vermont*, who have not sent a representative to this Convention, and whose members joined with the majority of said Assembly in passing the votes, on account of which the protesting members withdrew, be requested to direct their respective members to rescind said votes, and join us in making said proposals to *New-Hampshire*.

5. Voted, That in case those towns whose members continued to act with the Assembly of *Vermont*, still remain firm and steadfast in supporting and continuing said votes of Assembly, and neglect to join in carrying into execution said report of their committee, we will make overtures to join with *New-Hampshire*, on the last article in said proposals.

6. That all the other towns on said Grants be requested to join us in making proposals to *New-Hampshire* as beforementioned — and that those towns which agree to join therein, be requested to transmit copies of their votes relative thereto, to Governor *Marsh*, Mr. *Woodward*, Col. *Morey*, Maj. *Child*, Col. *Payne*, Col. *Olcott* or Gen. *Baley*, who are hereby appointed a committee for receiving them, and carrying the foregoing votes and proposals into execution, so soon as the towns on the Grants can have reasonable opportunity to join us therein.

7. Voted, That said Committee be impowered to call a Convention from the towns on the Grant, whenever any thing shall appear which shall, in their opinion, render one necessary.

J. MARSH, *Chairman*.

Extracted from the votes of said Convention,

B. WOODWARD, *Clerk*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

List of the Honble House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their First Session begun and holden at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December, being the 16th day of Said month, Anno Dom: 1778.

REPRESENTATIVES for 1778–9.

[Copied from a Vol. in Secys office, labelled "Members &c. 1775 to '82."

Towns & Places.	*Names.*
Portsmouth,	Woodbury Langdon, Esq.
" Speaker,	John Langdon, Esqr
"	George Gains, Esqr
Exeter,	Nathl Folsom, Esqr
"	Saml Hobart, Esqr
Londonderry,	John McKeen
"	John Pinkerton, Esqr
Chester,	Robert Wilson, Esqr
"	Saml Haseltine
Hampton,	Josiah Moulton, Esqr
Hampton Falls & Seabrook	None.
Northampton,	Dr. Levi Dearborn
New Castle,	Capt. John Blunt
Rye,	Capt. Joseph Parsons
Newington,	Mr. Timothy Dame
Greenland,	Mr. Joshua Haines
Stratham,	Simon Wiggin, Esqr
Kensington,	Mr. Ebenr Potter
New Market,	Capt. Saml Gilman
Brintwood,	Saml Dudley Esqr
Epping,	Enoch Coffin, Esqr
Kingston & E. Kingston,	Richd Boynton, Esqr
Sandown & Hawke,	Mr. David Tilton
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett, Esqr
Deerfield & Northwood,	Jeremiah Eastman, Esqr
Raymond & Poplin,	John Dudley, Esqr
Plastow & Atkinson,	Nathl Peabody, Esqr
S. Hampton & Newton,	Abraham Kimball
Hampstead,	Capt. John Calfe
Candia,	Walter Robie, Esqr
Salem,	Timy Ladd, Esqr
Wyndham,	James Betton, Esqr
Pelham,	James Gibson, Esqr
Epsom, Chichester, &c.	John McClary, Esqr
Canterbury & Loudon,	Dr. Asa Foster,

Towns & Paces.	*Names.*
Pembroke,	Rich^{d} Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Concord,	Nath^{l} Rolfe.
Bow & Dunbarton,	Jere: Page, Esq^{r}
Durham,	Mr. John Smith,
Dover,	John Wentworth, jun. Esq^{r}
"	Caleb Hodgdon, Esq^{r}
Summersworth	——— ———
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq^{r}
Barrington	Dr. James Marden
Lee	Hercules Mooney, Esq^{r}
Madbury	James Davis, Jun^{r}
Gilmanton & Barnstead,	Joseph Badger, Esq^{r}
Sanbornton & Meredith	Eben^{r} Smith, Esq^{r}
Wakefield, Effingham and Middleton	——— ———
Sandwich &c. &c.	——— ———
Wolfborough, New Durham, &c.	Thomas Tash, Esq.
Conway,	Tho^{s} Chadbourn, Esq^{r}
Amherst	Capt. Josiah Crosbie,
"	Reuben Mussey,
Dunstable,	Noah Lovewell, Esq^{r}
Holles,	Reuben Dow
Hopkinton,	Joshua Bailey, Esq^{r}
Weare,	Sam^{l} Caldwell
Litchfield & Nottingham W.	Asa Davis, Esq^{r}
Merrimac & Bedford,	Lt. John Orr
Goffstown & Derryfield,	Sam^{l} Blodgett, Esq^{r}
Francestown & New Boston,	Wm. Sterat
Lyndsborough & Wilton &c.	Capt. Nat. Bachelder
Mason & Raby	——— ———
New Ipswich	Mr. Paul Prichard
Temple & Peterboro'	Francis Blood, Esq^{r}
Heneker, Hillsboro', &c.	Isaac Andrews, Esq^{r}
Salisbury & Boscawen,	Capt. Eben^{r} Webster
New Breton, Warner &c.	Lt. Tho^{s} Rowell
Rindge, Jaffrey &c.	Enoch Hale, Esq^{r}
Dublin & Marlborough,	Lt. Benj^{a} Tucker
Packersfield & Stoddard, &c.	Dr. Nath^{l} Breed
Swansey & Fitz William	Elisha Whitcomb
Keen,	Mr. Josiah Richardson
Westmoreland,	Capt. Joseph Burt
Richmond,	Mr. David Barney
Winchester,	Nehemiah Houghton
Walpole,	Elisha March, Esq^{r}
Charleston,	Wm. Heywood, Esq^{r}
Claremont,	Dr. Thomas Stearne
Hinsdale & Chesterfield,	Michael Cresey
Marlow, Surry and Alstead,	Jonathan Royce
Acworth, Lemster Croydon &c. &c.	Chas. Huntoon
Cornish, Plainfield &c.	——— ———
Plimouth, Alexandria &c.	Francis Worcester.

No other Towns represented.

The President came in and administered to the members present the proper oaths of office:

The House was organized by the choice of

Hon. John Langdon, Esq^{r} for Speaker,
Noah Emery, Esq. Clerk,
Mr. John Smith, Ass^{t} Clerk.

Rules adopted in addition to former ones.

Rule 19. That no Petition be received by this House but from a member thereof and motion made for that purpose.

Rule 20. That no person except Members of the General Court be admitted above the Barr of the House without permission of the Speaker or special invitation from some member of the House.

Members of the Council, for the year 1778–'9.

Hon. Meshech Weare, President.
Josiah Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Nicholas Gilman, Esq^{r}
George King Esq^{r}
John Wentworth, Esq^{r}
Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r}
Moses Nichols,(1) Esq^{r}
Timothy Walker, Esq^{r}
Jacob Abbott, Esq^{r}
Charles Johnson, Esq^{r}
Samuel Ashley, Esq^{r}
Benjamin Bellows, Esq^{r}.

By joint ballot, Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. was elected Secretary.

Saturday Dec^{r} 26th.

[P. 61.] An Act to make void all attachments on Estates of absentees from this State who have joined the enemys thereof & subjects of Great Britain. Enacted.

Vote to liberate Oliver Parker and Samuel Abbot from Goal on certain conditions.

[P. 62.] Vote appointing Theophilus Dame, Esq^{r} to command the Forts at Piscataqua harbour, with the Rank and pay of a Colonel.

Vote to adjourn the General Assembly till the 2^{d} Wednesday of March next.

Attest: E. Thompson, Sec^{y}.

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(1) The above members were present at the opening of the Session; the others came in afterwards.—ED.

The General Assembly of New Hampshire met at Exeter, according to adjournment, March 10th 1779, being the Second Session of said Assembly:

[Of the members of the House of Representatives, there were present, in addition to those at the first Session, the following: viz. from—

Summersworth,	Capt. John Wentworth,
Wakefield, &c. &c.	Simeon Dearborn, Esqr
Sandwich, &c. &c. &c	Daniel Beede, Esqr
Mason & Raby,	Mr. Amos Dakin
Rumney, Holderness &c.	Saml Livermore, Esqr
Lancaster, Stratford &c.	Mr. Joseph Whipple.]

Members of the Council, the Same as at the first Session.

Thursday, March 11th 1779.

[P. 64.] Vote giving leave to William McClintock of Booth-Bay in the State of Massachusetts to export 70 Bushels of Corn for said Booth-Bay.

Friday, March 12th 1779.

[P. 65.] Vote for assessing on the Polls & Estates within this State five hundred thousand Dollars for the use of the Continent.

[P. 66.] Saturday March 13th 1779.

Whereas the Committee on Estates of absentees for the County of Strafford have advertised for the sale by public auction at Dover on the 18th Instant sundry articles, as part of the Estate of John Wentworth, Esq. an absentee, among which articles are named a large and valuable collection of Books, and two fine Weather Glasses, which Books and Glasses will be likely to sell at much greater advantage in the town of Exeter, where there is a constant resort of people from other Towns, especially at this time, when the General Court is setting there, than in the town of Dover: Therefore

Voted, That the Committee aforesaid be & hereby are directed and empowered to omit selling the Books and Glasses aforesaid on said day at Dover, and to adjourn said Vendue to Exeter for the sale thereof on Thursday the 25th Instant, & in the mean time remove said Books & Glasses to Exeter.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1779.

[P. 67.] Vote directing the Board of War to send one of the State Waggons to Dover to bring from thence to Exeter the Books to be sold on Thursday next.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to form a Proclamation for a day of Public fasting & prayer throughout this State. . . . Mr. Walker added by the Board.

[P. 68.] The resignation of Col° Josiah Bartlett of his command as Colonel of the Seventh Regiment of Militia in this State, having been laid before the Board, Voted that the same be received & accepted. [Sent down & concurred.]

Wednesday, March 17th, 1779.

[P. 69.] Petition of Mark H. Wentworth praying leave for his son-in-law John Fisher, Esq. (now in Great Britain) to return to reside in this State, with a vote thereon for said Petition to be heard on the first Tuesday of the next session of the General Assembly.

Vote on petition of John Griffith and others, to sell real estate, &c. Act passed.

Friday, March 18th, 1779.

[P. 71.] Vote for the receiver General of this State to borrow on interest for one year the sum of £20,000.

Saturday, March 19th, 1779.

[P. 72.] Vote to allow the officers and soldiers in Col° Stephen Peabody's Regiment 8 pence per mile instead of the penny allowed by Congress for travel home from Rhode Island.

Vote to present Col° Joseph Cilley with a pair of pistols as a token of the esteem the General Court has of his merit as an officer.

[The form of the vote as passed in the House is as follows:]

Voted Unanimously, That the worthy Col° Joseph Cilley be Presented with a Pair of Pistols belonging to this State, now in the possession of Col° Samuel Folsom, as a token of this State's good Intention to reward Merit in a brave officer.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to bring in a Bill to enable the selectmen and assessors of the several Towns and places in this State, to Tax by doomage at their discretion all monopolizers & sharpers within their respective Towns & places. [Mr. Bartlett added.]

An Act to raise by Tax, £250,000 lawful money, enacted.

Vote appointing the 29th day of April next to be observed as a day of public Fasting, humiliation and prayer throughout this State.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1779.

[P. 73.] Vote granting to Peter Mayhew one hundred acres of land in the Town of Rumney out of the forfeited Estate of Capt. Samuel Holland.

[P. 74.] Vote to pay the ballance of the account of Josiah Bartlett Esqr for his service as a Delegate of this State at Congress, amounting to £237 : 12 : 6, & order made out.

Vote appointing Nathaniel Folsom and Samuel Ashley Esqrs Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

Thursday, March 25th, 1779.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter received by the President from Thomas Chittenden, Esqr & to confer with Ira Allen, Esqr agent from the people of the place called Vermont. Mr. Bartlett, Ashley, Bellows and Johnson added. [The House Comtee were Messrs. Livermore, Langdon, Peabody, Folsom & Worcester.]

[P. 75.] Vote appointing Thomas Odiorne receiver of the Taxes of Lands of non residents in this State for the year 1779.

Vote to postpone the sale of the confiscated Books at Exeter this day to a more convenient season.

Vote appointing Col° Nathaniel Peabody a Delegate to represent this State in Congress instead of Col° Ashley who was chosen & declined accepting.

[P. 76.] An Act for altering An Act entitled an Act for removing the obstructions to the free passage of alewives & other fish in a Brook running from Wootunnock pond in Nottingham West in the County of Hillsborough to Merrimack river—Enacted.

Vote directing Col° Samuel Folsom to pay into the Treasury the hard money in his hands taken from Stephen Holland, Esqr to enable the Treasurer to discharge the Bills drawn by the officers of this State who were captivated and carried to Canada, on him.

Monday, March 29th, 1779.

Vote for permitting the Naval officer of the Port of Piscataquay to clear out 55 bushels of corn for the use of the

Inhabitants of Booth bay in the County of Lincoln & State of the Massachusetts Bay: and for permitting Alexander Nichols & Bedfield Plummer to export 60 Bushels of Corn from this State to Bristol in the County of Lincoln, State of the Mass^{a} Bay.

Wednesday, March 31st, 1779.

[P. 78.] Vote to seize and sell a Quantity of Corn at Durham monopolized by one Williams & one Long, bro't up & concurred.

Vote to give 300 Dollars Bounty to all able voluntiers who shall Enlist to serve in the N. H. Battalions in the Continental service.

Vote directing the Treasurer to Issue his Notes on Interest to the officers of the army for the advance promised them by a Resolve of the General Assembly.

Dr. Robert Taggart allowed the pay of a Surgeon's mate, in Col. Peabody's reg^{t} for the time he served.

Thursday, April 1st, 1779.

[P. 79.] Vote for a Committee to bring in a Bill or resolve to enable the Selectmen of the several Towns to take from all monopolizers of Corn and grain what they have more than for their own families use, and dispose of the same to the needy.

Vote appointing Col^{o} Joshua Wentworth a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Vote determining that the number of the Committee of Safety to be next chosen shall consist of nine: and, to consist of the following persons, viz.

Meshech Weare, Esq^{r}
Josiah Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r}
John McClary, Esq^{r}
John Dudley, Esq^{r}
Nathaniel Folsom, Esq^{r}
George Gains, Esq^{r}
Josiah Moulton, Esq^{r}
Samuel Hobart, Esq^{r}.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to prepare and bring in a Resolve to enable the Committee of Safety in recess of the Court to raise the Militia on any emergency.

Friday, April 2, 1779.

Vote appointing sundry Civil officers in this State, viz:

[From Journal of the House.]

The Committee to nominate Civil officers reported that they recommend James Knowles Esq^{r} & Mr. John Smith to be appointed Special

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Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Please for the County of Strafford: That Samuel Livermore, Esq^r be a Justice of the Peace & of the Quorum throughout the State; That Moses Baker, Esq^r of Campton, be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Strafford: That Walter Bryent, Jun. Esq^r be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; That Sam^l Gunnison of Saville be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; That Carr Hughes of New Chester and Joshua Talford of Alexandria be justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton; That Col^o Moses Nichols be a Special Justice of the Inferior Court for the County of Hillsborough.

Voted, That the same be rec^d & accepted.

[P. 80.] Vote for the Committees on Estates of Absentees to lease out the same for one year.

An Act to oblige the County of Hillsborough to build & maintain a Bridge over Souhegan River in the Mile Strip,—enacted.

Saturday, April 3^d, 1779.

Vote appointing Woodbury Langdon, Esq^r a delegate to represent this State at Congress.

[P. 81.] An Act for the tryal of Matthew Thornton in the County of Strafford—enacted.

Vote appointing civil officers for the County of Grafton, viz.

[From Journal of the House.]

Voted, Col^o David Webster be sheriff: Elisha Pain Esq^r Bezaleel Woodward Esq^r, Samuel Emerson Esq^r, & Enoch Page Esq^r, be Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas; Mr. Moses Dow, register of Probate; Mr. John House & Mr. Alexander Craige be Coroners; That Samuel Emerson Esq^r, be recorder of Deeds untill one is chosen by the County; That Elisha Pain Esq^r Bezaleel Woodward Esq^r, Samuel Emerson Esq^r, Enoch Page Esq^r, Charles Johnston Esq^r be Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum; That Caleb Clark, Maj^r Jonathan Child, Joseph Peverly Esq., Joseph Whipple Esq^r, Francis Worcester Esq^r, John Wheatley Esq^r, Nathaniel Rogers Esq^r, John Patterson Esq^r and John Young Esq^r, be Justices of the Peace for and within the County of Grafton in this State, and that Samuel Livermore, Elisha Pain & Francis Worcester Esq^r, or any two of them, be appointed Commissioners to administer to the said several officers & all other officers in said County, the proper oaths to be administered.

A resolve for lengthening out the time for taking the oath of Allegiance to this State, to the first of June next, was sent from the Council, read & concurr'd.

Voted to Adjourn the General Assembly till the third Wednesday in June next then to meet at Exeter.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^y.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROCEEDINGS of the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at their third session begun and held at Exeter on the third Wednesday in June, being the 16th day of said month, in the third year of American Independence.

[Compiled and copied, in abridged form, from Records of the Council.—ED.]

The members of the House in attendance, were the same as at the second session, except Capt. Ezekiel Gile from Atkinson & Plastow, in room of Nathl Peabody, Esq.

[P. 82.] Wednesday, June 16th, 1779.

Not members enough present to make a Quorum.

Thursday, June 17th, 1779.

Vote That all petitions heretofore appointed to be heard at this Session be postponed to the same respective days of next Session as they were to be heard on this.(1) [Concurred.]

Friday, June 18th, 1779.

[P. 83.] Vote to discount with the selectmen of Chester four thousand Dollars for so much advanced by them as Bounties to Continental Soldiers.

Vote for the late address from the Congress of the United States to their constituents to be printed & dispersed throughout this State.

[From Journal of the House, June 17, 1779.]

Voted That the address from the Continental Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States of America, be forthwith Printed and Dispersed throughout this State, and that it be recommended to the ministers of the Gospell throughout this State, to read the same to their respective Congregations on the next Sunday after they shall receive the same, Imediately after Divine service, in their respective meeting-houses, and that the Selectmen of each Town & Parish in this State cause the same to be publicly read in their next Town or Parish meeting after the receipt thereof; and we do most earnestly recommend to the Inhabitants of this State, that they seriously attend to ye Council & advise given in this Address, a compliance of which, under the bless-

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(1) Readers will please keep in mind that all votes herein entered were concurred by both houses, unless otherwise noted.—ED.

ing of heaven, appears to be the most likely method to remove many difficulties that we now feel and fear.(1)

[P. 84.] Vote to accept the Resignation of Col° Samuel Ashley as Col° of the sixth Regiment of Militia in this State.

Vote for John T. Gilman to receive out of the Treasury £300 to pay off the half-pay officers and soldiers belonging to this State.

Vote To discount with the Selectmen of Meredith one thousand Dollars for so much advanced by them as Bounties to two Continental soldiers, [and of Merrimack, £150, for one Continental Soldier.]

Saturday, June 19th 1779.

Vote to accept of the resignation of Joseph Hammond, Esqr as Lieut. Col° of the 6th Regt of Militia in this State.

[P. 85.] Vote appointing Abiel Foster of Canterbury, Ebenezer Potter of Kensington & Thomas Bartlett of Nottingham, Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; Moses Barnard of Chesterfield, Elijah Bingham of Lempster, Justices of the Peace for the county of Cheshire; Ebenezer Kendall of Cockermouth & Daniel Saunders of Grafton to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton; Joseph Bartlett of Salisbury, Benjamin Mann of Mason and Peter Clark of Lyndeborough be Justices of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough; Matthew Stanley Parker of Wolfeborough, be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford; Edward Bucknam, Jonan Eastman & John Alexander, Coroners.

Monday June 21st 1779.

Vote for Lieut. Col° Gregg, of Col° Thornton's Regiment & Lieut. Col° Webster of Col° Hobart's Regiment respectively be muster masters for the Troops raised in those Regiments.

[P. 86.] Tuesday, June 22d 1779.

Vote for Mrs. Susanna Emerson, wife of Capt. Amos Emerson to have an order on the Treasury for 800 dollars in behalf of her said husband, to be charged to him & accounted for in settling of his wages.

Vote to receive the resignation of David Hobart, Esqr Col° of the 11th Regiment of Militia of this State, "and [Journal of the House] that he receive the thanks of the Genl Assembly for his good services in that Station."

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(1) Address not found.—Ed.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to report on all petitions presented in behalf of sick & wounded soldiers. Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Walker & Mr. Nichols added [to Col^{o} Hobart Dr. Bartlett, Dr. Dearborn, Capt. Sam^{l} Gilman & Dr. Parsons of the House.]

Vote for David Page Esq^{r} of Conway, to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

Wednesday, June 23^{d} 1779.

[P. 88.] Vote for Capt. Ebenezer Webster to repair to Boscawen to summon witnesses to be used in the trial of Matthew Thornton.

Vote for 300 men to be raised for the defence of the State of Rhode Island to be formed into six Companies.

[From Journal of the House, June 23^{d} 1779.]

Voted, That Hercules Mooney be appointed Colonel of the Regiment now to be raised for the expedition to Rhode Island, and that Major Daniel Runnells be appointed Major of said Regiment; That Capt. Ezekiel Worthen of Epping, Capt. Daniel Emerson of Holles, Capt. Ephraim Stone of Westmoreland, and Capt. Samuel Runnalls of Durham be Captains of said Regiment: That William Richardson of Hampstead, Joshua Avery of Stratham, Robert Fletcher of Temple, and Josiah Brown of Plimouth, be Lieutenants in the said Regiment, and that Jonathan Leavitt of Hampton-falls be a Captain-Lieutenant to command the Col^{s} Company and that Wm. Chamberlain of Concord, be a Lieutenant to command the Majors company in said Regiment, and that Thomas Bixby of Francestown, Timothy Gleason of Barrington, Eleazer Jackson of Cornish, George Leighton of Newington, William Stuart of Amherst, and Jeremiah Spencer of Claremont be ensigns in the said Regiment. [Concurred.]

An act to authorize the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Rockingham to sell that Lot of land in Portsmouth on which the Goal stands—Enacted.

[P. 89.] Vote for Caleb Stark adjutant of the first Reg^{t} of this State's Troops in the Continental army to receive out of the Treasury 800 Dollars towards the depreciation of his wages.

[P. 90.] Vote proportioning 300 men among the several Reg^{ts} of Militia of this State in order for each to raise their quota, to serve for the defence of the State of Rhode Island.

[From the Journal of the House, June 24, 1779.]

Voted and Resolved, That Major General Folsom shall forthwith issue his orders to the several Colonels or commanders of Regiments in this State for raising the men to fill up the Continental Battalions belonging to this State, and the Regiment for Rhode Island according to the order of the General Court passed the 18th of June current; and the proportion of non-commissioned officers & privates to be raised in each regiment for Rhode Island shall be as follows, viz.

In General Whipple's regiment	26
Col° Evan's regiment	29
Col° Moultons regiment	13
Col° Gilman's regiment	20
Col° Webster's regiment	10
Col° Nichol's regiment	22
Col° Moore's regiment,	20
Col° Thornton's regiment	11
Col° Gale's regiment—	19
Col° Badger's regiment	14
Col° Stickney's regiment	21
Col° McClary's regiment	9
Col° Hobart's regiment	6
Col° Ashley's regiment	18
Col° Hale's regiment	16
Col° Bellows regiment	12
Col° Moreys regiment	6
Col° Chase's regiment	8
Conway company of Militia,	none.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consult with the Board of War and advise about providing the necessary stores for carrying on the war. Mr. King & Mr. Nichols added.

Friday, June 25th 1779.

[P. 91.] Vote empowering the President to give orders for carrying into execution the several votes of the General Assembly for raising soldiers.

560 Dollars advanced for Lt. Josiah Munroe, in the Continental service, to make up the depreciation of his wages; 560 Dollars advanced to Lieut Joseph Huntoon in consideration of his suffering in the service.

Vote to release several Towns in the county of Grafton from part of the Taxes for the current year.

[P. 92.] Vote to repair the Forts at Piscataqua Harbour: also for General Folsom to call for returns to be made to him of the Militia of this State.

Vote allowing Goal keepers 5 dollars pr day for Boarding State prisoners.

Saturday, June 26th, 1779.

Vote Ascertaining the pay of the members of the General Assembly this term. (1)

[P. 93.] An Act for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds Lawful money for the use of the United States of America in pursuance of a requisition of Congress.

An Act to repeal An Act of this State Entitled an Act for the tryal of Matthew Thornton in the County of Strafford, and to authorize the Supreme Court to try the said Matthew Thornton in the County of Rockingham.

Vote for Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r} to repair to the Grants (so called) west of Connecticut River and wait on the Committee of Congress, &c.

[P. 94.] Vote appointing Jonathan Weare Esq^{r} a justice of the peace for the County of Hillsborough, & Joseph Gilman Esq^{r} a Justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham.

Vote for the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to receive out of the Treasury,	£150.
Each of the Puisne Justices	£140.
The Clerk of the Court	£80.
And the Attorney General	£150.

Vote allowing the soldiers going to Rhode Island 2*s* per mile for travel.

Vote for printing a new edition of the Laws of this State.

Adjourned till the 3d Wednesday in October.

Attest, E. Thompson, Sec^{y}.

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(1) **The records at this period show the depreciation of the currency: e. g.**

Members of the Council & of the house pd.	**$5.00 pr day.**
Committee of Safety, in recess of Assembly	**6.00 Do.**
Secretary for *extra* services (above his other pay)	**5.00 Do.**
Clerk of the House,	**10.00 Do.**
Assistant clerk, (over his pay as a member,)	**3.00 Do.**

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PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

[P. 95.] Wednesday, October the 20th 1779.

[A quorum of the Council did not meet for business, till]

Tuesday, October 26th, 1779.

[Of members of the House, all were present as at the Session in June, except Woodbury Langdon, Esq. of Portsmouth.]

Petition of George King Esq. bro't up with a vote thereon giving him leave to bring in a bill to take and use the surname of Atkinson.

[P. 96.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to prepare a form of a Precept to be sent out for choosing a new General Assembly. Mr. Walker joined.

Wednesday, October 27th, 1779.

Vote for the Board of War to deliver Mr. Walmsley at Portsmouth 2 Six pound Cannon out of the Battery to pay him for two borrowed of him & lost in the ship Hampden.

[P. 97.] Saturday, October 30th 1779.

Vote appointing Committees in the several Counties of this State to receive and examine votes returned for Councillors, and to report to the next General Assembly according to the Constitution.

An Act to enable George King Esqr to take and use the surname of Atkinson, read three times & Voted that the same be enacted.

An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Martha Stevens with her husband Simon Stevens read three times & Voted that the same be enacted.

[P. 98.] Wednesday, November 3d, 1779.

Vote to receive the resignation of the Honble Matthew Thornton, Esqr as Colo of the 8th Regt of Militia of this State.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the Petitions of all sick and wounded officers & soldiers presented to this Court—Mr. Walker & Mr. Nichols added [to the House Committee, viz. Dr. Dearborn, Dr. Parsons, Dr. Sterne, Dr. Foster & Timothy Ladd, Esq.]

Vote for receiving the Report of the Committee of both houses on sundry matters bro't up and concurred.

From the Journal of the House, Oct. 29, 1779.

The Council and house being resolved into a Committee of the whole to consider of some method to fill up vacancies in our Continental battalions; also for cloathing our troops, agreeable to resolves of Congress; also to consider of passing Acts and appointing Commissioners (if necessary) to carry into execution the resolve of Congress of the 24th of September last for settling disputes between this and other States, and a Territory or district called New Hampshire Grants or Vermont:—Being met in the assembly Chamber for the purposes aforesaid, The Honble Meshech Weare Esqr in the chair, Proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred, and after some time spent thereon, and the matters maturely considered, came to the following Resolutions and Report: That an agent or agents be appointed by this State to present, prosecute & pursue at Congress, our claim to the New Hampshire Grants: Which Report was received & accepted.

[The Committee not having finished,—adjourned to Nov. 2d, then again met and reported]

That the vacancies in our Continental Battalions be filled up: That a Committee of two be chosen & sent by this State to Head Quarters to try to re-enlist our soldiers (now in the service whose times are expired or near expiring) during the War. That the said Committee be impowered to offer and promise such re-enlisting soldiers, instead of a bounty, lands not exceeding one hundred acres to each soldier that shall choose to accept of Lands; and that the said Committee proceed upon the said business as soon as they can be provided with ten thousand or twenty thousand pounds for that purpose.

[P. 99.] Vote empowering Woodbury Langdon & Nathaniel Peabody, Esqrs Delegates at Congress from this State to tarry there and represent the State until further order of the General Assembly.

Vote appointing Nathaniel Folsom Esqr and William Whipple Esqr Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

[P. 100.] Thursday, November 4th 1779.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of Goffstown, Dunbarton, &c. praying leave to remove sundry Tory families from them Towns, concurred—Mr. Walker, Mr. Wentworth & Mr. Abbot joined [with Capt. Moulton, Mr.

Page, Mr. Boynton, Col. Hale, Mr. McKeen, Col. McClary and Dr. Breed of the House.]

Vote appointing Col° Nichols & Col° Samuel Folsom a Committee to repair to the army & to re-inlist Soldiers there.

Vote for the Representatives of coupled Towns to direct the Secretary to which of said coupled towns respectively, the precepts for a new choice shall be directed.

Vote appointing Samuel Livermore Esq^r^ in conjunction with the Delegates of this State at Congress to support the claim of this State to the New Hampshire Grants (so called) west of Connecticut River.

Vote for Gen^l^ Bayley to pay the money in his hands rec^d^ from the Continent for forage supplied from the farm of Mr. Fisher of Co-os.

[From Journal of the House.]

Voted, That General Jacob Bayley be directed to pay to Col° Charles Johnston two thousand four hundred dollars, which he has in his hands for forrage supplied on the farm of Mr. Fisher improved by Mr. Kay, and that he give him a receipt for the same for the use of this State.

[P. 101.] Friday, Nov^r^ 5^th^ 1779.

Vote to Cancel a Bond given by Simon Baxter and Solomon Prentice for the good behaviour of William Baxter.

Saturday, Nov^r^ 6^th^ 1779.

Vote for the Secretary to transmit each Judge of Probate in this State a copy of the Confiscating Act.

[P. 102.] An Act for Abigail Odlin, admin^x^ of the estate of Woodbridge Odlin, deceased to execute a deed to Philip Connor of certain lands in Meredith—enacted.

An Act for Jane Hart, the wife of Thomas Hart, mariner to sell lands &c.

An Act to disannul the marriage between James Cockran the 3^d^ and Mary his wife.

An Act to Incorporate part of the Society land (so called) in the County of Hillsborough, by the name of Hancock.

Vote appointing Joshua Heywood Esq^r^ 2^d^ Major of the 12 Reg^t^ of Militia in this State.

[P. 103.] Tuesday, Nov^r^ 9^th^, 1779.

Vote to forbid the Selectmen of Antrim from selling land of non-residents for Taxes until further order of the General Assembly.

[P. 104.] Vote for Col° Moses Nichols and Col° Samuel

Folsom to receive out of the Treasury £20,000 to carry with them to the army to pay Bounties to soldiers.

[From Journal of the House, Nov. 8, 1779.]

The Committee for drawing up Instructions for Col° Nichols & Col. Folsom in their Mission to Head Quarters, Reported, That the Com^tee^ appointed to repair to Head Quarters to re-inlist our soldiers &c. Imediately proceed on the business with such sum as can be had in the Treasury not exceeding Twenty thousand pounds, and that they re-inlist our soldiers upon the best terms they can, giving a bounty to each soldier from this State, besides the Continental bounty, not exceeding a hundred acres of land in this State, or such sum of money as may be given in like cases by the State of Massachusetts & other States; and also, that our said Committee assure the soldiers that shall re-inlist for the whole time during the warr that they shall be paid Depreciation of money as those already enlisted are intitled to be paid by a former resolve of this Court, and that said Committee make seasonable report to this Court or to the Committee of Safety, in order to be supplied with more money if needful—which is submitted.

Signed— J. Wentworth for the Com^tee^.

Which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted.

Wednesday, Nov^r^ 10^th^, 1779.

Vote appointing Field officers for the ninth regiment of Militia of this State.

Viz. That Moses Kelley, Esq. be Colonel.
Samuel Page, Esq^r^ be Lieut. Colonel.
Oliver Capron Esq^r^ be Major, &
Davis Howlett, Esq^r^ Second Major of the same regiment.
That Joshua Heywood Esq. be Second Major of the 12^th^ Regiment, commanded by Col. Israel Morey.

Vote on the petition of Brig. James Reed — concurred: [viz.]

From Journal of the House, Nov. 9, 1779.

The Committee on the petition of Briga^r^ Gen^l^ James Reed, Report, That Gen^l^ Reed have granted to him the use and improvement of a certain house and about twenty five acres of land adjoining in Keen, being the confiscated estate of Dr. Josiah Pomroy an absentee, untill further order of this Court, and that he enter into possession thereof as soon as the present Lease expires—which is submitted.

Signed, Timothy Walker, jun. for the Com^tee^.

Which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be received & accepted.

Thursday, Nov^r^ 11^th^ 1779.

Vote to pay Capt. Reuben Dow for Mr. Sampson Powers, £30 for Brass Kettles for the army under General Stark in 1777.

Vote directing Constables and Collectors not to sell any lands for Taxes belonging to absentees.

Vote directing the Judge of Probate of the County of Cheshire, not to sell the confiscated Estate of Doct^r Josiah Pomroy in Keen.

An Act to enable John Garland & James Mardin to exchange certain lands reserved in the charter of Barrington as a parsonage—enacted.

[P. 105.] Vote to receive the report of the Committee on disposing of the Stores in Commissary Grouts hand at No. 4. [Viz.]

That the Board of War take effectual measures imediately to transport the rum & sugar there to Mr. Joseph Leigh at Head Quarters for the use & benefit of our Troops, and that Mr. Elijah Grout be directed to sell what Beef he has on hand belonging to this State to the purchasing Commissary for the Continental service provided he has a demand therefor; but if that should not be the case, then said Grout is hereby directed to sell said Beef at public Vendue, and render an account of his proceedings in the Premises, as also an account of what ammunition he has on hand to the General Assembly or Com^{tee} of Safety for the State as soon as may be: accepted.

Vote to accept the resignation of Capt. Weeks of the Greenland Militia.

Vote for Noah Emery Esq^r to receive out of the treasury £1000 for the purpose of paying for paper & printing the Laws of this State.

Friday Nov^r 12th 1779.

Vote to pay the Roll of Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy for his company lately in service at Portsmouth, amounting to £2089 : 19 : 3.—[Also additional Roll of Capt. Lovejoy £87 : 17.]

[P. 106.] Vote for James Bean a prisoner in Exeter Goal to be bro't before the General Assembly.

Vote to send off to the enemy such families of absentees as are now with the Enemies of these States, as the Selectmen of the respective Towns judge meet.

Balance of the Pay roll of Capt. Ebenezer Webster, pd. £88 : 16.
Pay roll of Capt. Benj. Sias, pd. £1992 : 13 : 3.
Do. Do. £77 : 15.
Paid to John Wentworth jun. Esq. for service in Congress £21 : 17 : 1.
Pd. to John Parker, jun. £60 for a plan of Piscataqua harbor presented to the General Assembly.

Monday Nov^{r} 15th 1779.

[P. 107.] Resolve to confirm and make valid certain adjournments of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham—

An Act to repeal a certain clause in an Act entitled an Act for incorporating a new Parish in Exeter & for giving liberty to the Inhabitants of said Exeter to join themselves to which of the said Parishes they shall chuse—Enacted.

Tuesday, Nov^{r} 16th 1778.

[P. 108.] Voted, That the Delegates for the time being in Congress, appointed by the Legislature of this State or either of them be and hereby are appointed & impowered to join in Convention with such Commissioners as may be appointed by any of the other States to meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday in January next for considering of the Expediency of limiting the prices of merchandise & produce, and if the Convention judge such a measure necessary, then to proceed to limit the prices of articles as they think proper in their several States in such manner as shall be adapted to their respective situation and circumstances, and report their proceedings to the Legislature of this State. [Concurred by the House.]

[From Journal of the House, Nov^{r} 16, 1779.]

Voted, That Capt. John Calfe of Hampstead and Mr. Abraham Perkins of Epping be Justices of the Peace for the County of Rockingham; That Mr. Nathaniel Adams of Portsmouth be a Notary Public for this State; That Simon Jenness of Rye, Samuel Dearborn of Epping & Peter Clements of Atkinson be Coroners for the County of Rockingham; That Samuel Hunt Esq^{r} & Mr. Thomas Aplin be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; That Elijah Grout be a Coroner for the County of Cheshire; That Nathan Hodges of Lyman & Joshua Copp of Warren be Justices of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

P. M.

The Committee to consider of the Number of Blankets, shirts & Stockins for our Battalions in the Continental Army & of the method of procuring them, reported their opinion that the following Vote or recommendation be forthwith printed & dispersed throughout the several Towns in this State:

Whereas it appears to the General Assembly that the soldiers of this State (who have nobly stepped forth in the defence of their country and therein have undergone every hardship with uncommon perseverance and alacrity) are at this time in great want of Blanketts shirts and Stockings, which want is likely to increase in case of a winter campaign:

Therefore Voted that it be and hereby is earnestly recommended to the Selectmen of the several Towns throughout this State without loss of time to procure and send into the Board of War as many blanketts, and as many shirts, as much shirt cloth, and as many pair of Stockings as they can possibly procure, and that the said Selectmen procure them on the best terms they can, for which they shall have a reasonable reward, paid by the Board of War for said articles, and for their services upon the delivery thereof:—Which report being read and considered, Voted, That the same be received and accepted, and that this vote with the Preamble thereof be forthwith Printed and dispersed throughout this State accordingly. [Concurred.]

Voted and Resolved, That no provisions of any kind or live stock be allowed to be exported out of this State before the first day of January next, without express Licence of the General Court or Committee of Safety, unless necessary victualling of ships and other vessels sailing out of this State. [Concurred.]

An Act passed to incorporate a place called Strafford in the County of Grafton.

An Act to incorporate Northumberland in the County of Grafton.

[P. 109.] Wednesday, Novr 17th, 1779.

Vote for the men belonging to this State in Col° Jackson's Regiment & Whitcomb's Rangers to be entitled to an allowance for depreciation as the other soldiers of this State.

[P. 110.] Thursday, Novr 18th, 1779.

Vote giving leave for the Brig Morris to sail with five Masts on board for Hispaniola on account of the Continent.

Resolve for carrying into execution the Act for confiscating the Estates of certain persons therein named.

Rev. Daniel Rogers pd. £60 for praying with the Genl Assm.

Rev. Isaac Mansfield, pd £60 for do.

An Act allowing appeals to Congress in certain cases.

An Act repealing part of the Tender Act, enacted.

£120 allowed for depreciation, to Sarah Burnham, in behalf of her son George a soldier, decd.

Allowance to the Civil List &c. for the year, viz.

For the President of the State	£600
The Treasurer of Do.	1800
The Chief Justice	500
The Puisne Judges of Supr Court,	300
The Clerk of the Supr Court,	200
The Secretary,	500
Samuel Livermore, Atty Genl balance—	250
Menus Daniels, door-keeper	97: 4.
Acct. of Elijah Grout, pd.	76: 1.
Acct of John Bell, Esq.	16: 9: 6.
Acct of Noah Emery, for rent of room	20:
Acct. of Benj. Tucker for Caleb Tucker, for carting for troops at R. Island—	54.

[P. 111.] Friday, Novr 19th, 1779.

Vote to Dissolve the General Assembly—Concurred.

Attest. E. THOMPSON, Secy.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire at their first Session begun and holden at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December being the fifteenth day of said month, Anno Domini 1779.

List of Members of the House for 1779–80.

[Copied from Vol. in Secr^{s} office, labeled "Members," &c.]

Towns & Places.	*Names.*
Portsmouth,	Hon. William Whipple
"	John Langdon
"	George Gains
Exeter,	Jn^{o} Taylor Gilman
"	Ephraim Robinson
Londonderry,	Moses Barnet, Esq.
"	Sam^{l} Fisher
Chester,	Jn^{o} Webster, Esq^{r}
"	Robert Wilson, Esq^{r}
Hampton,	Josiah Moulton, Esq^{r}
Hampton-falls &c.	Sam^{l} Weare, Esq^{r}
Northampton	Levi Dearborn, Esq^{r}
Southampton &c.	Dr. Benj^{a} Brown
Newmarket,	James Hill, Esq^{r}
Brintwood,	Sam^{l} Dudley, Esq^{r}
Epping,	Enoch Coffin, Esq^{r}
Stratham,	Mark Wiggin, Esq^{r}
Greenland	William Weeks, Esq^{r}
Kingston &c.	John Eastman
Sandown & Hawke,	David Tilton,
Nottingham,	Tho^{s} Bartlett, Esq^{r}
Rye,	Joseph Parsons,
Plastow & Atkinson,	Capt. Ezek^{l} Gile
Newington,	Eph^{m} Pickering Esq^{r}
Hampstead,	John Calfe, Esq^{r}
Raymond & Poplin,	Jn^{o} Dudley, Esq^{r}
New Castle,	John Blunt
Deerfield & Northwood,	Jere. Eastman, Esq^{r}
Epsom, Chichester, &c.	Capt. James Gray,

Towns & Places.	*Names.*
Candia,	Walter Robie, Esq^r
Salem,	Timothy Ladd, Esq^r
Wyndham,	James Betton, Esq^r
Pelham,	David Butler,
Pembroke,	Rich^d Bartlett, Esq^r
Concord,	Tho^s Stickney, Esq^r
Bow & Dunbarton,	Jn^o Bryent
Canterbury & Loudon,	Abiel Foster, Esq^r
Dover	Jn^o Wentworth, Esq^r
"	Caleb Hodsdon, Esq^r
Durham,	John Smith, Esq^r
Lee,	Hercules Mooney, Esq^r
Madbury,	James Davis
Summersworth	Capt. John Wentworth
Rochester	James Knowles, Esq^r
Barrington	John Garland, Esq^r
Wakefield, &c. &c.	Simeon Dearborn, Esq^r
Gilmantown, &c.	Jos: Badger, Esq^r
Sanbornton & Meredith,	Eben^r Smith, Esq^r
New Durham, &c. &c.	Mat^w St^y Parker, Esq^r
Sandwich &c. &c.	Jonathan Moulton
Conway &c.	——— ———
Amherst,	Capt. Josiah Crosbie
"	Col^o Stephen Peabody
Nottingham West,	Sam^l Chase, Esq^r
Goffestown,	Rob^t M^{c}Gregore, Esq^r
Merrimac & Bedford,	Wyseman Clagett, Esq^r
Dunstable	Noah Lovewell, Esq^r
Holles	(John Hale, (1) 7 June '80)
Hopkinton,	D^r Abel Kimball
Weare,	Sam^l Caldwell
Wilton & Lyndsboro'	Abiel Abbot, Esq^r
New Boston, &c.	Wm. Starrett
Temple & Peterboro'	Francis Blood, Esq^r
Mason & Raby	Amos Dakin,
Salisbury & Boscawen,	Henry Gerrish, Esq^r
New Ipswich	(Thom. Heald, Feb. 9, 1780.)(1)
Warner, Andover, &c.	Isaac Chace
Hillsborough, &c.	Capt. James M^{c}Calley,
Rindge, Jaffrey &c	Will^m Smiley
Dublin, Marlboro' &c.	Amos Emery
Stoddard & Packersfield	Dr. Nath^l Breed
Swansey & Fitz Wm.	John Mellen, Esq^r
Keene,	Josiah Richardson
Westmoreland,	Capt. Joseph Burt
Richmond,	Noah Curtis
Walpole,	Capt. Josiah Goldsmith
Hinsdale & Chesterfield,	Nathaniel Bingham
Marlow, Alstead &c.	Jonathan Smith

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(1) Entered in pencil mark.—Ed.

Towns & Places.	*Names.*
Winchester,	Nehemiah Houghton
Charlestown	Wm. Haywood, Esq^r
Unity, Newport, &c.	Charles Huntoon, Esq^r
Cornish & Plainfield	——— ———
Croydon, Newport & Saville	(Benj. Giles, 9 Feb. 1780)(1)
Plimouth, Alexandria, &c. &c.	Joseph Senter, Esq.
Rumney, Holderness Campton, Thornton	Sam^l Livermore, Esq
Lancaster, Strafford, Northumberland, &c	(Jere. Eames (1) 9 Feb. '80)

[None from other Towns.]

[Minutes from Journal of the House.]

Wednesday, Dec^r 15th 1779.

The returned members appearing, the Hon^{bl} the President and Secretary being absent the Members present proceeded to make choice of a Chairman, and John Dudley Esq^r was chosen Chairman. Then they proceeded to choose a Clerk pro tempore, and Mr. John Taylor Gilman was chosen.

Thursday, Dec^r 16th, 1779, P. M.

The Hon^{bl} the President came into the house and administered to the members present the proper Oaths and Test, which the members subscribed, and then the President retired & the house proceeded to chuse a Speaker, and the Ballots being taken it appeared that the Hon^{ble} John Langdon, Esq^r was chosen Speaker, who took the Chair accordingly.

Noah Emery Esq^r was chosen Clerk of the House.

NOTE. The proceedings of the General Assembly during this and the following sessions will be copied from the Records of the Council, as noted by pages in the margin.—ED.

[P. 112.] Thursday, December 16th, 1779.

The Hon^{ble} Mesheech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Matthew Thornton, Nicholas Gilman, George Atkinson, John Wentworth and Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{rs} being regularly returned members of the Council for the year ensuing attended and took the oaths appointed by Law and signed the Declaration.

Then proceeded to choose a president, and unanimously elected the Hon^{bl} Mesheech Weare, Esq^r to that office.

Members of the Council—1779–80.

Hon^{ble} Mesheech Weare
Josiah Bartlett
Nicholas Gilman
George Atkinson
Matthew Thornton
John Wentworth
Ebenezer Thompson
Francis Worcester
Jacob Abbot
Timothy Farrar
Enoch Hale
Samuel Hunt
Joseph Pearson, Dep. Sec^y.

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(1) Entered in pencil mark.—ED.

Friday, Dec^{r} 17th 1779.

Vote appointing the Hon^{bl} Nicholas Gilman Esq^{r} Treasurer of this State for the year ensuing & until another shall be chosen in his Stead.(1)

Vote appointing Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r} Secretary of this State for the year ensuing, & until another shall be chosen in his stead.

[P. 113.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee to consider of all petitions presented in behalf of sick and wounded officers & soldiers—Mr. Thornton & Mr. Gilman added to Dr. Dearborn, Doct. Parsons & Mr. Ladd.

Saturday, Decem^{r} 18th, 1779.

Vote authorizing the President to draw orders on the Treasury in favour of the Selectmen of such Towns as advanced money for Bounties to soldiers in consequence of Resolves of the General Court.(2)

Vote for the Treasurer to discount with the Town of *Litchfield* £10 : 10 for the Tax on an Estate of an absentee from said town.

Tuesday Decem^{r} 21st 1779.

Vote giving leave to one Joseph Wallace to export 250 bushels of Corn to Naraguages, (in Mass?)

[P. 114.] Wednesday, Dec^{r} 22^{d} 1779.

Vote to impower the Treasurer of this State to Borrow £50,000 for the use of the State.

Thursday, Dec^{r} 23, 1779.

Vote for the Board of War to receive out of the Treasury [P. 115.] £50,000 to be accounted for.

Vote directing care to be taken of gun-powder at No. 4.

[P. 116.] Vote ascertaining how the depreciation of wages shall be made up & paid the army.

[From the Journal of the House, Dec^{r} 24th, 1779.]

The Committee to confer with a Committee of officers from the army respecting the re-inlisting our Continental Troops, & what allowance shall be made for depreciation to the officers & soldiers who have served in the Continental Battalions belonging to this State Report as their opinion: That a Bounty of three hundred Dollars in addition to the encouragements allowed by Congress be paid to each non-commissioned officer & soldier who shall enlist as one of this State's quota of the Continental army during the present war;

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(1) All the votes herein entered are in concurrence with the house, unless otherwise noted.—ED.

(2) The towns with which the Treas. discounted will be seen in a table at the close of this General Assembly.—ED.

And that each officer and soldier who shall engage as aforesaid, shall be entitled to all the emoluments promised by a resolution of this State passed the 26th day of March last, and their accounts shall be settled yearly and the respective balances paid or security given therefor, And the Polls of such officers and soldiers shall be exempted from all kind of Taxes whatever and their Estates both real & personal shall be exempted (during their continuance in said service) from all Town taxes levied for the purpose of raising soldiers.

The Committee beg leave further to report That all officers & soldiers who are considered as part of this State's quota of the Continental army shall be allowed for the depreciation of money two for one for the year 1777, & six for one for the year 1778, and twenty for one for the year 1779; and all arrearages that shall be found due on the adjustment of their accounts to the first day of January 1780, shall be paid by the first day of March next, or security given therefor.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that some provision be made for the widows and orphans of such officers and soldiers as have or shall die in the service of this State—which is submitted by

Josiah Bartlett, for the
Committee.

Accepted.

Vote to release the outstanding Taxes for the year 1775 & 1776 of the Town of Gosport.

Vote desiring the President to write to the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire & demand the reason why Silas Cook his deputy released one Simon Frasier a deserter from the army committed to his custody.

[P. 117.] Saturday, Decr 25th 1779.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on determining what shall be done with Joseph Eaton Kynaston a prisoner: viz.

That as the said Kynaston—a soldier now in Exeter Goal—does not incline to inlist into the Continental service during the war, neither procure sureties for the payment of the charges of his confinement, that he be still confined till an opportunity present to send him on board a Continental vessel for the term of one year, unless he procure sureties for the payment of sd charges within 30 days from the date hereof.

Signed, J. Wentworth, for the Committee.

Vote for the Board of War to send an express to the army to procure a "List of all the soldiers in the New Hampshire Brigade who have enlisted, died, deserted, or been discharged —also an account of the Supplies each soldier has received."

[P. 118.] Vote directing the several Towns to make returns of their accounts for all supplies of soldiers families, &c.

Thursday, Dec^{r} 30th 1779.

[P. 119.] Vote appointing Mr. Joseph Pearson Deputy Secretary of this State & "that he shall have for his services the same wages as the Assistant Clerk of the house while the General Court is sitting, & that he be paid for Copies according to Law, and an adequate reward for other contingent services, on his exhibiting an account, & the same being allowed by the General Assembly." [See Jour. House, Dec. 29.]

Vote to send by Maj^{r} Mark Wiggin to the commanding officer of the New Hampshire line, £20,000, for the purpose of recruiting soldiers.

Vote ascertaining the pay of the General Court: viz.

> "That the members of the Council & House of Representatives be paid 20 Dollars per day for their attendance, and six shillings per mile for their travel out & home—those that live above ten miles from the place where the Court sits to be paid for one travel only; those that live ten miles or under to be paid for one travel every adjournment from Saturday to Monday; those that are paid for one travel to be paid wages for Sunday;—The Committee of Safety to be paid 24 Dollars per day & travel as the members of the General Court; the Secretary & Clerk pro tem. to be paid 10 Dollars per day each for their services over & above their pay as a member; the assistant Clerk five dollars per day over & above his wages as a member."

[P. 120.] Vote to accept the resignation of Capt. Joseph Leigh as Sub Commissary to our troops.

Vote appointing Mr. Joseph Fogg Sub Clothier & Commissary in the room of Capt. Leigh who hath resigned.

Vote directing Col^{o} Theophilus Dame to enlist 25 men to serve as Matrosses at the Forts in Piscataqua harbour for the term of one year.

Vote appointing Samuel Livermore Esq^{r} a Delegate to represent this State in Congress—read & non-concurred.

Friday, December 31st, 1779.

Voted, That Samuel Livermore Esq^{r} who was appointed by an Act of the Legislature of this State dated the 17th of November last, an agent in behalf of this State to appear before Congress or Commissioners authorized by Congress, to ascertain the lines between the States of Massachusetts Bay, New York & this State, and also to hear & determine on the claims of the Inhabitants settled on the New Hampshire Grants so called; Be and hereby is authorized & fully impowered to appear in Congress as a Delegate of this State & there act in all and every matter relative to all affairs mentioned in said Act, as fully to all intents and purposes as any or either of the Delegates of the States of New York & Massachusetts Bay (being agents in said affair) are authorized to do—Sent down for concurrence.

[P. 121.] Vote directing the Naval officer of this State to clear out for Salem, Six Barrels of Beef & three hogsheads of Cider, the property of Nathaniel Sparhawk.

Vote giving leave to Capt. John Roach to sell at publick Vendue his personal estate (any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.)

Vote appointing Samuel Livermore Esq^r a Delegate to represent this State in Congress until the first day of April next—read & non-concurred.

Vote appointing Joseph Bass sub clothier for this State.

Saturday, January 1^st, 1780.

[P. 122.] Vote appointing Samuel Livermore, Esq. to be a Delegate to represent this State in Congress until the first of March next, " with all the Powers and priviledges that other Delegates from this State have heretofore had, held & enjoyed, Provided, that neither of the Delegates from this State now at Congress be superseded by this appointment:" brot up read & concurred.

Vote laying an Embargo on all Provisions in the State—" none to be allowed to be exported out of this State before the first day of May next without express licence of the General Court or Committee of Safety, unless necessary victualling of Ships & other vessels sailing out of this State."

Vote appointing a Committee of Safety—viz. The Hon^bl Meshech Weare, Esq. Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. Josiah Moulton, Esq^r. John Dudley Esq. & George Gains Esq^r. until another Committee of Safety shall be appointed in their stead, & that they have the powers assigned them in the votes of this day.

[From Journ. of the House, Jan. 1, 1780.]

Voted & Resolved, That the Committee of Safety of this State, in the recess of the General Court be, and hereby are impowered to appoint a sub or State Clothier & Commissary for this State in case Mr. Bass who has been appointed shall decline accepting the appointment, & that they be further impowered to apprehend and commit to close confinement any person or persons whom they may deem dangerous or enemical to this or any other of the United States of America.

Voted, to adjourn the General Assembly until the second Wednesday of February next.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Secʸ.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The proceedings of the Hon^{bl} General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at their session begun & holden at Exeter on the second Wednesday of February being the 9th day of said month, Anno Domini 1780, by adjournment—being their second session.

[Members of the House present the same as at the first Session, except Charles Huntoon, from Unity, Newport, &c.]

From Records of Council.

[P. 123.] Wednesday, Feb^{y} 9th 1780.

Not a sufficient number to make a quorum.

Friday, Feb^{y} 11th 1780, a quorum being met proceded to business.

Vote for Lieut. Thomas Liford of Whitcomb's Rangers to receive out of the Treasury 560 dollars in part of Depreciation of his wages.

Vote to pay the Selectmen of Holles £57 : 4, for Taxes on land of absentees in said town.

Saturday Feb^{y} 12th 1780.

[P. 124.] Vote directing the Committee on Claims to receive all accounts from Selectmen & others of all Bounties & supplies to soldiers & their families.

[P. 125.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee about certain implements used for counterfeiting money seized by Noah Worcester Esq. viz.

That having conferred with Noah Worcester Esq. they find he has in his Possession the following articles which were found in the custody of one Farnsworth, a person lately deceased, viz. One mold to cast plains for counterfeiting Dollars, one mill & a pair of stamps, one large iron block weighing 67 lbs., steel wedges weighing two pounds, one large Sledge, one pair forceps, sundry crucibles, one copper box, sundry Druggs as borax, aqua fortis &c. one pair of Smith's bellows; The Comtee beg leave to report their opinion that the mold Mill and Stamps be delivered into the custody of the Treasurer of this State as soon as conveniently may be, and that Mr. Worcester sell all the other articles for the most they will fetch at Vendue and render an account thereof as soon as may be with his bill of expences, to the General Court.

Monday, Feby 14th, 1780.

[P. 126.] Vote to advance money to soldiers at home on furlow, viz.

[From Journal of the House.]

That each Continental soldier & non commissioned officer now at home on furlough receive out of the Treasury of this State in part of Depreciation as follows: viz. Each private soldier four hundred Dollars, and each non-commissioned officer five hundred dollars, and that on their producing a Certificate from some Continental officer, of their belonging to one of the Battalions of this State, the President give order of payment accordingly which is submitted by Francis Worcester for the Committee.

Tuesday, Feby 15th 1780.

[P. 127.] Vote to advance 50,000 Dollars to Lieut. Colo Dearborn to recruit soldiers for the Continental Army.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on proportioning & raising 300 men to guard the Cohoss country.—[This vote afterwards repealed, and 100 men only to be raised in lieu thereof.]

[P. 128.] Vote to advance certain sums of money therein named to the officers of the New Hampshire line now in this State, viz.

From Journal of the House, Feb. 16, 1780.

Voted, That there be advanced by order of the President towards depreciation, to each Colonel belonging to the New Hampshire Brigade

that are now in this State,................	4000	Dollars
To each Lieut Colo	3000	Do
To each Major	2600	Do
To each Captain	2000	Do
To each Lieut....	1400	Do
To each Ensign	1100	Do
To each Surgeon	3200	Do
To each Surgeon's mate,	2000	Do

to enable them to repair to the army: That Provisions be purchased & stored in this town for supplying Soldiers from time to time that may be going to join the army.

Thursday, Feby 17th, 1780.

Joseph Eaton Kynaston a prisoner in Exeter Goal to be discharged on his giving his own security to the Speaker of the house of Representatives for the charges of his commitment.

[P. 129.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the petition of Charlestown, Walpole & other Towns for leave to set up a Lottery for erecting a Bridge over Connecticut River. Mr. Gilman, Mr. Hale & Mr. Worcester joined.

Saturday, Feb^y^ 19^th^ 1780.

Vote for fixing a Rule of estimation for the several Articles of real Estate &c. inventoried & returned to make a proportion of the State taxes, viz.

"All male polls eighteen years old & upwards, shall be estimated at ten shillings each; male negro & mulatto Slaves from 16 to 45 years of age, at ten shillings each; female Slaves from 16 to 45 years of age at five Shillings each; orchard land at one shilling & six pence per acre; arable or tillage land at one shilling per acre; mowing land at one shilling per acre; pasture land at 5 pence per acre; horses & mares at three shillings each; oxen at three shillings each; cows at two shillings each; horses and cattle three years old one shilling & six pence each; horses & cattle two years old at one shilling each; horses and cattle one year old at six pence each: All mills, wharves & ferrys at one twelfth part of their neat yearly income. The sum total of the value of all buildings & real estate unimproved whether owned by residents or non-residents at the rate of half of one per cent; Stock in trade at the rate of six pence on every hundred pounds; Money in the public funds not to be rated; monies in hand or at interest (not in the public funds) at the rate of three pence on every hundred pounds."

Vote directing that an address be presented General Sullivan in the name of the Council & Assembly.

[From Jour. of the House, Feb^y^ 18^th^.]

Voted, That the Hon^bl^ President of the Council & the Speaker pro Tem^e^ of the House of Representatives, be desired to wait on the Hon^ble^ Maj^r^ Gen^l^ Sullivan (now in town) and in the name & behalf of the Gen^l^ Court of this State congratulate him on his safe return and the recovery of his health, and also give him thanks for his good services.

[P. 130.] Vote for the Board of War to provide forage for the horses of the officers at home on furlough.

[P. 131.] Tuesday, Feb^y^ 22^d^, 1780.

Vote for the Board of War to receive out of the Treasury two hundred thousand pounds to be accounted for.

Wednesday, Feb^y^ 23^d^, 1780.

Vote to accept the resignation of Col^o^ Theophilus Dame of the command of the Forts at Piscataqua harbour.

[P. 132.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter from President Huntington & several Resolves accompanying it.(1)

Thursday, Feb^y 24, 1780.

Vote for Col^o Supply Clapp to receive out of the Treasury £15,000 to be accounted for by him as agent victualler.

[P. 133.] Vote making an allowance to be paid to sundry members of the General Court for expences in going home from the last sessions of the General Court being detained by deep snows that then fell and obstructed the passing.

Vote appointing Capt. Ebenezer Duning to command the Forts at Piscataqua harbour.

Vote to pay the balance of Capt. Thomas Bickford's acct. as Commissary of Issues at Portsmouth amounting to £216 : 14 : 3.

Friday, Feb^y 25^th 1780.

Vote to pay John Hale £93 for a suit of Cloaths he delivered his son Aaron Hale a Continental Soldier, and that the Treasurer pay him £4 : 10 for so much he paid for Doctoring his said son.

[P. 134.] An Act for appointing a Committee to set off in severalty to Oliver Whipple Esq^r one seventh part of a certain messuage &c. situate in Portsmouth late belonging to William Johnson Ryam of Portsmouth an absentee—enacted.

[P. 135.] Friday March 3^d, 1780.

Vote for paying the recruiting officers of the Continental Battalions raised in this State £30 for each recruit they enlist.

Vote to let John Magee & William Magee soldiers who have served 3 years in one of the N. H. Battalions have 400 Dollars each to be by them accounted for.

Saturday, March 4^th 1780.

Vote for James Rider to have out of the Treasury 2000 Dollars towards depreciation of his wages as a soldier, for which he is to account.

An Act to record Charters—enacted.

£1000 advanced to Noah Emery, Esq. for printing Laws.

[P. 136.] Vote desiring the President to write to Congress

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(1) The said letter and resolves not found.—ED.

& give the reasons why this State cannot pay the Drafts made on them.

Vote for determining the sum that shall be raised for the Continental State Tax for the ensuing year: viz.

That the requisition of Congress for raising our Quota of Fifteen millions of Dollars be comply'd with; That in assessing the Taxes for the current year the Selectmen be governed by the Inventorys taken in December last with respect to all unimprov'd lands & buildings, & lands of non-residents; That the Continental taxes be paid in at three different equal payments, viz. on the first of June, on the first of August, and the first of October; That the Tax for supply of the Treasury of this State for the current year be equal to the Continental tax, and that the same be paid in three different equal payments, viz. on the first of June, on the first of October, and on the fifteenth of December next.

Wednesday March 8th 1780.

Resolve to enable the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Hillsborough to take up & finish sundry matters pending at said Court at their next term, the last term being lost by reason of the stormy weather.

[P. 137.] Thursday, 9th of March, 1780.

Vote to pay the account of Jonathan Robbins for his time & expences in apprehending Enoch Dockum a deserter from the Continental army.

[P. 138.] Vote for Major General Sullivan to make the draft of a Bill to regulate the Militia.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee of both houses on the method of taxing lands of non-residents, viz.

That the unimproved lands of non-residents within this State shall be subject to be taxed to the State Taxes, Continental taxes, War taxes, County Taxes, & not otherwise, and that the same be assessed and collected as by Law is prescribed; That the taxing the located lands & the manner & method of assessing & collecting the same be referred to a Committee of both houses.

[P. 139.] Friday 10th of March, 1780.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to confer with Peter Robinson, post rider to the Western parts of this State & agree with him how much money he shall receive from the State for his services.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee on depreciation of Wages due to soldiers.

[From the Journal of the House, March 10, 1780.]

The Committee on the depreciation due to officers & soldiers reported their opinion, That the money that has or shall be paid the officers & soldiers in the Continental army in part of Depreciation from the first day of January last to the 15th day of April next, be estimated at the rate of forty to one; they also beg leave to report the draught of a bill to secure the payment of their respective ballances;—which is submitted by Josiah Bartlett for the Committee. Voted that the same be received & accepted.

[P. 140.] Vote for Peter Robinson, post rider to have out of the Treasury £150 to be accounted for.

Vote for the non-commission officers who have served three years and are legally discharged, to have out of the Treasury five hundred Dollars each, and the privates 400 dollars each to be accounted for as part of their depreciation money.

Saturday, 11th of March 1780.

Vote upon the Petition of Col° Scammel & Lieut Col° Dearborn empowering the President to make out a warrant appointing Dr. Jacob Hall surgeon to the 3d Regiment, bro't up & concurred.

[P. 141.] Monday 13th of March, 1780.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee relative to paying depreciation to officers of the army who left the service before the 26th of March 1779, viz.

That all officers of the three Battalions of this State in the Continental army who left the service before the 26th of March 1779, and have not since returned to their duty, shall not be entitled to receive any sum for depreciation—which is submitted by T. Farrar for the Committee.

Vote to pay John Marsh & John Bennet £115: 16 for their time & expences in apprehending one Philip Judkins a deserter from the army.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1780.

Vote for the Committee to settle the account of Folsom & Smith relative to the personal estate of Stephen Holland—also settle their accounts relative to the real Estate of said Holland.

Vote to pay the account of Jacob Abbot, Esqr for apprehending one Ebenezer Carlton & committing him to Amherst Goal, amounting to £42. Warrant granted.

[P. 142.] Vote to pay the expences of three Indians at Major Coffins at Exeter, & to advance £60 to pay their expences to Boston.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1780.

An Act for raising by a Tax on the polls & Estates within this State the Sum of two million one hundred & sixty thousand pounds.—Enacted.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the expediency of selling the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth at Wolfeborough—Concurred—& Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Farrar added to Gen. Whipple, Mr. Parker & Capt. Moulton of the house.

[From Journal of the House, March 15, 1780.]

Voted That a Committee of this house be chosen to join such as the Honbl Board shall appoint to consider of the expediency of selling the farm and furniture of the house in Wolfeborough lately belonging to John Wentworth Esq. an absentee from this State, & the stock on the farm, and to report to this house what is best to be done concerning the same, &c.

[P. 143.] Thursday, March 16th 1780.

An Act to authorize the appraisment and sale of certain lands in Wilton & Temple lately belonging to the estate of Stephen Holland Esq. an absentee from this State—enacted.

Resolve giving leave for all public officers to take thirty for one from the table of Fees used in 1774.

Vote for the Board of War to examine & pay all accounts well vouch'd to them for apprehending Deserters from the army.

Vote to pay the selectmen of Francestown £83 : 12 : 4, for taxes on lands of absentees.

Vote appointing a Committee to join a Committee of the board, to bring in a Bill to entitle the subjects of his most Christian Majesty to the same privileges as the subjects of this State are entitled to in France.

[P. 144–5.] *Acts passed.* Act to pay depreciation to the army.

Act for establishing a method of assessing taxes.

Act to enable George Kezer to revive an action.

Act in addition to two Acts for confiscating estates of certain persons.

An Act for disposing of prisoners.

Act for forming & regulating the Militia.

Saturday, March 18th 1780.

[P. 146–7.] Vote for the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to have out of the Treasury £400, & each of the Puisne Justices & the Clerk of said Court £300 each.

Vote requiring all selectmen to bring in their accounts of supplies for soldiers families & Bounties p^{d} soldiers up to the 1st of Jan^{y} 1780, by the first of May next.

Vote for Mess^{rs} Joseph Gilman, Josiah Gilman & John Smith to be a Committee to draw up the Continental Accounts.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to consist of seven persons, any four of whom to be a quorum, and giving Instructions to them, viz.

That they be impowered to call the General Assembly together before the time they are or may be adjourned to, if they shall judge it necessary, and to raise men by draught or otherwise if they shall judge it necessary for the defence of this or any of the United States, promising them such encouragement as they shall judge proper; To receive & answer all Public letters; To take up & secure all persons that they shall judge dangerous to the public; To settle all pay rolls & accounts against the State that may appear to them fair and just, and to draw on the Treasury for the balances, and also to execute any & every power implied and express'd in any Act, Vote or Resolve of the General Assembly to be given them, and that said Committee stand until another Committee is chosen in their room.

Vote for the Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Ebenezer Thompson, John Dudley, Josiah Moulton, George Gains and John Calfe Esq^{rs} to be a Committee of Safety.

Vote impowering the President to draw on the Treasury for money to supply recruiting officers.

Vote impowering the Committee of Safety to appoint officers to fill up Vacancies in the Continental Battalions raised by this State.

Vote to adjourn the General assembly to the first Wednesday in June next.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at a special Session holden at Exeter on Wednesday the nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini 1780, being summoned by the Honourable the Committee of Safety of said State.

[From the Journal of the House.]

Wednesday April 19th 1780.

[No quorum present—adjourned to]

Thursday April 20th 1780.

The members met and read Sundry public Letters & Resolves of Congress, &c.

Voted, That some persons be imediately sent off to carry the Proclamation for a General Fast throughout this State.

Note by the Editor.

The members in attendance on subsequent days of the special session were the same as at the session in February and March, with the addition of John Hale, Esq., of Holles. It is matter of regret that the letters, &c., referred to in the proceedings, are not found in the secretary's office; but their general character may be inferred from the proceedings which follow.—Ed.

P. M.

Voted and Resolved, That this House resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole house in conjunction with the Honbl Board, if they see fit, to meet in the Assembly Chamber as soon as may be, to consider of the requisitions of Congress concerning furnishing supplies for our Battalions in the Continental Army, and to report thereon.

The Honble members of the Council and House being met in the Assembly Chamber agreeable to the above resolve, in Committee of the whole, to consider of the requisitions of Congress concerning furnishing supplies for the Continental Army, the Honbl Meshech Weare Esqr in the chair, Proceeded to consider of the said matters to them referred, and after some time spent thereon came to the following Resolutions and Report: viz.

That this State will comply with the requisition of Congress with respect to the furnishing supplies for the Continental army; That the Pasture at Wolfeborough lately Gov. Wentworth's be improved the current year for pasturing & fattening beef cattle for the supply of the

Continental Army; That the Cattle on the said farm at Wolfeborough that are or may be soon fatted for beef, be reserved and fatted for the said purpose; That Capt. Sam^l Gilman the Trustee of said Gov^r Wentworth's Estate, be directed to exchange any horses or horse kind, or any other cattle unfit for beef, on said farm for beef Cattle for the same purpose, and that all pasture Grounds belonging heretofore to absentees from the United States, lying within this State, not heretofore let out, be reserved and kept for Pasturing & fatting beef cattle for the purpose aforesaid; That a number of Pastures be hired in convenient places in this State for the purpose of pasturing & fatting beef cattle for the purpose aforesaid: That a prohibition be laid upon all persons (under a severe penalty) from selling or driving any Cattle out of this State to any other State, without leave of the Gen^l Court or Committee of Safety; That the mode of purchasing the Beef cattle &c. for the purposes aforesaid be referred to a Committee of both houses to report thereon; That the Pork, Beef, Corn, Hoggs & other provisions on said Farm at Wolfeborough, be reserved & kept for the uses & purposes aforesaid; That a Committee of both houses be appointed to consider of the rum & spirits to be purchased by this State for the Continental Army & to report thereon. The Committee then dissolved, and the Speaker resumed the Chair & the said Report being read & considered, was received & accepted.

From Records of the Council.

[P. 148.] Friday, April 21st, 1780.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee of both Houses on the method of procuring & furnishing supplies for the Continental army.

Vote That the House would resolve themselves into a Committee with the Board, to consider of the Resolutions of Congress concerning the Currency.

[From Journal of the House, April 21, 1780.]

Agreeable to the order of the day the Hon^{bl} Council & House being met in the Assembly Chamber to consider of the Resolutions of Congress of the 18th, 20th, & 21st of March last, concerning the present currency and to report thereon, The Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare Esq^r in the chair, proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred, and after some time spent thereon came to the following Resolutions & Report, viz.

That this State will comply with the Resolutions of Congress for sinking the present Currency of paper bills emitted by Congress, and, That an Act be passed in some measure similar to the Act of the State of Connecticut for repealing & altering the Acts relating to making Tender of bills for Debts &c. The Com^{tee} then dissolved, &c.

[P. 149.] Saturday, 22^d April 1780.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to make a Draft of a depreciation Table to be a guide to the Committee in making out the accounts of the soldiers &c.

Vote granting a permit to Capt. Samuel Robinson to carry about 200 bushels of Corn to Cape Ann.

[P. 150.] Vote for raising 60 men to guard the Western Frontiers.

Tuesday, 25th of April, 1780.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to draw an Answer to a Letter received from the State of Massachusetts Bay(1) requesting aid in an Expedition against Penobscot. Mr. Atkinson & Mr. Thompson joined.

[P. 151.] Vote desiring the President to issue a proclamation requiring all officers civil & military to apprehend deserters.

Vote to receive the Report of the Committee consisting of both houses on several matters therein contained: viz.

That a Committee of both houses be appointed to draw up an answer to the requisition of the State of Mass^a Bay, and also an application to Congress for assistance in the defence of our frontiers: That those soldiers that will enlist into Major Whitcombs Corps of Rangers during the war, shall be entitled to and receive the same pay, cloathing, depreciation and other emoluments as other soldiers in the Continental Army: That a Proclamation be issued requiring all officers Civil & military to apprehend all Deserters from the army that they may be returned to their respective corps.

[P. 152.] Thursday, 27th April, 1780.

Vote directing Capt. Samuel Gilman, trustee of the Estate of the late Gov^r Wentworth an absentee, to deliver to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Esq. all the furniture now in his hands at Portsmouth, also the family pictures at Wolfeborough.

Vote to pay the account of the Selectmen of Keen for State Bounties paid by them to Lemuel Tucker, John Green and John Hill Continental soldiers for one year.

Vote to pay the Selectmen of Swanzy for State Bounties advanced to Solomon Hazelton, Noah Parkhurst & Andrew Nichols.

[P. 153.] Vote to pay the account of the Selectmen of Wolfeborough for Taxes on the estate of the late Governor Wentworth & George Meserve amounting to £339 : 8 : 9¾.

Vote appointing Mr. Thomas Odiorne of Exeter Receiver General of the Taxes of non-residents for the Current year & until another shall be appointed in his stead.

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(1) The letter from Massachusetts not found.—ED.

Friday, 28th April, 1780.

Vote ascertaining a Table of Depreciation to settle accounts with soldiers: viz.

[From the Journal of the House, Apr. 27, 1780.]

The Committee appointed to make the Draft of a Depreciation Table to be a Guide to the Committee for making out the accounts of the officers & soldiers of this State, Report the following Table, calculated for what one hundred pounds was worth equal to good money in each month from Jany 1777, to Jany 1780, and that the Same be considered as a rule for any sum or sums of money paid to officers & soldiers towards depreciation or by way of bounties and supplies, excepting those Articles, the prices of which were stipulated in the year 1777, which are to be charged at the stipulated prices, and the wages received from the Continent, for which they are to be charged for the one-half part for the year 1777, one sixth part for the year 1778, and one twentieth part for the year 1779, equal to good money.

TABLE.

Year 1777.		Year 1778.	Year 1779.
January	£100, is £100	£31: 0:0	£9:13:0
February	91 ═══	28: 0:0	8:15:0
March	82:10:0	25:10:0	8: 0:0
April	74:15:0	23: 5:0	7: 5:0
May	68:	21:	6:11:0
June	61:10:0	19: 0:0	5:19:0
July	55:15:0	17: 5:0	5: 8:0
August	50:10:0	15:15:0	4:19:0
September	45:15:0	14: 5:0	4:10:0
October	41:15:0	13: 0:0	4: 1:0
November	38:	11:15:0	3:13:0
December	34:10:0	10:15:0	3: 6:0
	£744: 0:0	£230:10:0	£72: 0:0

The Committee beg leave further to recommend that where the ballance due to any officer or soldier shall not exceed three pounds the Treasurer be impowered to pay said ballance in the present currency at the rate of forty for one if desired; and if above three pounds and less than five pounds, that he give one note for the same payable in December next; That the Committee on said accounts apply to the Committee of Safety in the recess of the General Court for any orders or directions which they may stand in need of respecting the Disposal of rum, sugar &c. &c. to the officers & soldiers; or any other difficulty that may occur; And the Committee of Safety are hereby directed to give such orders respecting the same as they shall think proper;—which is submitted by Josiah Bartlett for the Committee.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee relative to the sale of lands of absentees in Francestown, viz.

That as they think the sale of the lands in Francestown was fraudulent & illegal, that the Judge of Probate for the County of Hillsborough proceed to dispose of said lands for the use of this State for the most they will fetch, the said sale Notwithstanding.
Signed, George Atkinson, Chairman.

Vote for the Board of War to deliver the Continental soldiers rations of provisions so long as they are detained from the army.

Vote giving leave to Joseph Wallace to export in the schooner Hannah for Naraguagus a quantity of corn in lieu of some useful commodities imported by him.

[P. 154.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to report how & what allowance shall be made for depreciation by the Courts of Law in making up judgments. Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Atkinson joined to Mr. Clagget, Livermore & Whipple, of the House.

Saturday, April 29th, 1780.

Vote requesting the several Towns & places in this State to pay what money they possibly can into the Treasury speedily.

Acts passed:—An Act to carry into effect certain Resolutions of Congress.

An Act to prevent the transportation of certain articles.

Vote to adjourn the General Court until the first Wednesday in June next.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Secy.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their third Session begun and holden at Exeter by adjournment on the first Wednesday in June, (being the seventh day of said month) Anno Domini, 1780.

[Members in attendance this session, were the same as in April, with the addition of Thomas Merrell, Esq. from Conway, and Charles Huntoon Esq. from Unity, Acworth and Lempster.—Ed.]

[From Journal of the House.]

Thursday, June 8th, 1780.

Voted That this House Resolve themselves into a Comtee of the whole in conjunction with the Honble board, if they see fit to meet in the Assembly Chamber in the afternoon to take into consideration the matters contained in Sundry resolves of Congress and requisitions of Genl Washington & to report thereon.(1)

P. M.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Honbl Council & House being met in Committee of the whole in the Assembly Chamber to consider of the matters contained in sundry Resolves of Congress and requisitions of General Washington &c. &c. the Honbl Meshech Weare Esqr in the Chair, proceeded to consider of the matters to them referr'd, and after consideration thereof came to the following resolutions and Report:

That the sale of the late Govr Wentworth's Estate proceed according to advertisement; That the agent or Trustee of said Estate, sell the Stock of Cattle & Horses at the same Vendue; That a Committee of both houses be appointed to consider of & report to the house the conditions of Sale of the said Estate & stock, and what they judge best to be done therein. The Committee further report, That on considering the Letter & Resolves of Congress aforesaid, that the several Towns and places be earnestly called upon to pay into the Treasury all the monies they can possibly collect as soon as may be, for the purpose of supplying the Continental army, & that the Treasurer be impowered to borrow what money he can upon Loan; That our quota of soldiers for the Continental Army, now deficient, be forthwith raised by Draught out of the Militia of this State or otherwise, to serve until the last day of December next unless sooner discharged; That each soldier so drafted or enlisted shall receive the same wages with the Depreciation as the soldiers now in the Continental Army have or shall receive; That a Committee of both houses be appointed to report what number of men shall be raised, and out of what regiments, and how and in what manner they shall be furnished and equipped;—The Committee not having finished pray'd leave to sit again; and accordingly adjourned.

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(1) The papers here referred to have not been found.—Ed.

From Records of the Council.

Members of Council, June Session, 1780.

Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare	Ebenezer Thompson
Josiah Bartlett	Jacob Abbot
Matthew Thornton	Timothy Farrar
Nich^s Gilman	Enoch Hale
George Atkinson	Samuel Hunt
John Wentworth	Francis Worcester
	Joseph Pearson, Dep. Sec^y.

[P. 156.] Friday, June 9th, 1780.

Vote for a Committee of the Board to bring in a Bill to empower Samuel Gilman trustee to the estate of the late Governor Wentworth, to sell the Stock of Cattle &c. on said Estate, bro't up, read & concurred—& Mr. Thornton joined.

Vote for the Trustee of the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth to employ some persons to bid off all the provisions offered to sale at auction, belonging to said Estate, provided they do not exceed the customary prices.

[P. 159.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee for drawing instructions & articles of sale for the vendue of Governor Wentworth's Estate: viz.

That ten per cent upon each purchase be paid down when the same is struck off, which is to be forfeited in case the other payments are not made as follows: That the remainder for the personal Estate be paid when the same is delivered; That one third part of the remainder due for the real Estate be paid in fifteen days, one third in six weeks and the remaining third in ten weeks after the sale; That the Trustee give a Deed when the second payment is made upon good security being given for the remainder.

According to the order of the day the Council met in the Assembly Chamber & with the house attended the hearing of the petition of Nero & other Negro Slaves praying to be emancipated & then returned to the Board.

[From Journal of the House, June 9, 1780.]

According to order of the day, the Petition of Nero Brewster and others Negro Slaves praying to be set free from Slavery, being read, considered and argued by Counsel on behalf of the Petitioners before this House, It appears to this house, That at this time the House is not ripe for a Determination in this matter: Therefore ordered that the further consideration & determination of the matter be postponed till a more convenient opportunity.(1)

Saturday, June 10th, 1780.

Vote ordering the Treasurer to pay Coll. Henry Dearborn 312,400 Dollars to be conveyed to the Continental Treasury on account of this State, "and that the Board of War of this State be directed to furnish said Dearborn with one of the State horses properly dressed, for the purpose of conveying the same."(2)

[P. 138.] Monday June 12th, 1780.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee allowing depreciation to officers advanced, viz: "That the several officers who have been promoted to fill up the vacancies in the New Hampshire Brigades, that such as were in actual service be allowed Depreciation from the time they took their rank; and to such as were appointed in the State or promoted from Sargeants to fill vacancies be allowed their depreciation from the date of their commission."

[P. 159.] Tuesday, June 13th, 1780.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee on the Draft of Congress in favour of Jeremiah Wadsworth Esq.—[amounting to 500,000 dollars.]

Vote allowing the prison keepers for boarding State prisoners 10 dollars pr day from the first day of December 1779 to the 20th of March 1780, and from that time until the 13th day of June, 14 dollars pr day.

Wednesday, June 14th 1780.

Vote directing orders to issue to the several Cols of the Militia to raise 600 men to recruit the Continental army.

[From the Journal of the House June 13, 1780.]

The Committee appointed to consider of & report what number of men shall be raised for making up our deficiencies in the Continental Battalions of this State, &c. Report—That they have proportioned six hundred men among the several regimts of militia in this State, a list of which proportion they herewith exhibit, in making which proportion they took for a rule the number of Polls returned by the several Towns for the last proportion of taxes, making such allowances as they tho't reasonable; That the several Colonels of the Militia be called on forthwith to draft or otherwise raise their respective proportion; the said men to serve untill the last day of December next; That said recruits be paid or made up when their times are out Forty shillings per month, said money to be equal to Indian Corn at four shillings per bushel, sole leather at one shilling & six pence per pound, and grassed Beef at three pence per pound; and that also when their said times are out, have, in like money five pounds for finding themselves cloaths, blankett & knapsack, and that all those who will engage untill the last day of Decr 1781, in addition to the foregoing reward shall receive a suit of cloaths, as those who have enlisted for the War; and those who enlist untill the last day of December 1782, shall receive a suit of cloaths annually; That proper places be fixed for the rendezvous of the Troops to meet and draw Provisions to enable them to march forward; That Stores be provided, persons to deal them out, and a Continental officer at each place of rendezvous to send forward the Troops by Detachments, & give proper Certificates by which they may draw provisions at the Continental stores on the road;—which is submitted by Josiah Bartlett for Committee—which report being read & considered, Voted that the same be recd & accepted.

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(1) The editor has searched in vain for the above said petition & for the arguments used by Counsel on the occasion. This Nero Brewster was a slave of Col. William Brewster of Portsmouth. Among his associates he bore the title of "King," and exercised his authority in several cases, as related in pleasant anecdotes in "Rambles about Portsmouth," Vol. I. pp. 210, 211, by the late C. W. Brewster.—ED.

(2) This last clause is contained in the vote as passed by the House. And so, in other similar cases, the marks of quotation indicate that the words are copied from the Journal of the House.—ED.

The List exhibited with the foregoing report, is as follows, viz.

Col. Joshua Wentworth,	44	Moses Kelley	41
Stephen Evans	54	Colo Stickney	52
Jona Moulton	25	John McClary	23
Nichs Gilman	36	David Webster	12
Jacob Gale	30	Benja Bellows	29
Joseph Badger	36	Enoch Hale	40
John Webster	22	Timothy Ellis	43
William Gregg	21	Jonathan Chase,	23
Moses Nichols	47	Israel Morey	16

Total 600 men.

[p. 160.] Vote directing the Board of War to adjust and pay all accts presented them for taking up & receiving deserters from the army.

Vote for the President to direct the Naval officer to permit Thomas Harrington to export some small articles to Nova Scotia.

Friday, June 16th, 1780.

[p. 161-2.] Vote to pay Capt. Amos Morrill, £900, to be endorsed on Notes.

Vote to pay acct of James McCalley £119: 8.

Vote to pay acct of Benjn Giles, £49.

Vote to pay Maj. Saml Sherburne, £890 for Doctor's bill.

The Board attended with the House in the Assembly Chamber & after some time spent in Committee of both houses, they returned to their room.

[From Journal of the House, June 16, 1780.]

[The Committee of the whole, came to the following] Report: viz.

That the several Towns in this State be called upon to furnish their respective proportions of the Quantity of Beef required by Congress for the supply of the army; That the Committee of Safety be directed to purchase such quantities of Rum as they shall see necessary from time to time, for the supply of the army; That each Town & place within this State be called upon to supply to the Board of War their several quotas of cloathing (especially shirts, stocks & stockings) for the supply of the army, not to be paid for out of the Treasury, but in such manner as shall be adjudged by a Committee of both Houses."

The Committee to consider what is best to be done respecting the personal estate of Zaceus Cutler, Esq. an absentee, reported that James Underwood, Moses Nichols & Noah Lovewell, Esq., the Committee appointed by the Act of 1778, to make sale of the personal estate of Zacheus Cutler Esq. do proceed & compleat the sale thereof, after which they are to render an account of all such Sales and their whole proceedings therein, and pay all monies arising thereby to Nahum Baldwin Esq^r a trustee thereto lawfully appointed, who is hereby authorized to audit and finally settle the same.

Saturday, June 17th 1780.

Vote giving leave for a Bill to be bro't in to erect a certain part of Canterbury into a Parish.

[P. 163.] Vote to pay the account of Col° Joseph Senter amounting to £36, for holding meetings in un-incorporated Towns.

Vote to remit to one Elnathan Jennings of Marlow a fine awarded aginst him for killing a Deer contrary to Law.

[P. 164.] Vote to accept the resignation of Capt. Samuel Hall, of his command of one of the Companies of Militia at Portsmouth.

Monday, June 19th, 1780.

An Act to vest the exclusive privilege of Keeping a Ferry over a certain part of Merrimack river, in Nathaniel Clement of Canterbury, his heirs & assigns—Enacted.

[P. 165–6.] Thursday, June 22d 1780.

Vote appointing Col° Samuel Hunt to purchase Wheat on Connecticut river for the use of the army.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Col° John Langdon for such sums as he shall need & the Treasury can spare for carrying on the 74 gun ship.

[P. 167.] Vote for Widows or next of kin to any officers or soldiers, who hath been killed or died intestate in the army, to receive all money due to said intestate.

Friday, June 23^{d} 1780.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee for proportioning the Militia to be raised to assist the Continental Army, & those to guard the western Frontiers.—viz.

[From Journal of the House, June 22^{d} 1780.]

Proportion of Sixty men to be stationed at or near Portsmouth:

From what Regiments.	No. of men.	
Col^{o} Wentworth's	14	To be officered with one Captain one Lieutenant & one Ensign.
Col^{o} Evans'	17	
Col^{o} Moulton's	8	
Col^{o} Gilman's	10	
Col^{o} Gale's	11	
	60	

Proportion of one hundred and twenty men to be sent to the Western Frontiers of this State.

From what Regiments.	No. of men.	
Col^{o} John Webster's	6	To be officered with two Captains Two Lieutenants Two Ensigns.
Col^{o} Gregg's	6	
Col^{o} Nichols'	14	
Col^{o} Kelley's	12	
Col^{o} Badger's	10	
Col^{o} Stickney's	15	
Col^{o} McClary's	7	
Col^{o} David Webster's	4	
Col^{o} Ellis'	13	
Col^{o} Hale's	12	
Col^{o} Bellow's	9	
Col^{o} Morey's	5	
Col^{o} Chase's	7	
	120.	

Proportion to raise 945 men & officers for the Continental army.

From what Regiments.	Capts.	Lieuts.	Ensigns.	Privates.
Col. Wentworth's	1	1	1	70
Col. Evan's	1	2	1	86
Col. Moulton's	1	0	1	40
Col. Gilman's	1	1	1	55
Col. John Webster's	1	0	1	35
Col. Gregg's	1	0	1	33
Col. Gale's	1	1	1	55
Col. Nichols'	1	2	1	74
Col. Kelley's	1	1	1	65
Col. Badger's	1	1	1	55
Col. Stickney's	1	2	1	82
Col. McClary's	1	0	1	36
Col. David Webster's	0	1	0	19
Col. Ellis'	1	1	1	68
Col. Hale's	1	1	1	63
Col. Bellows'	1	1	0	45
Col. Morey's	0	1	1	26
Col. Chase's	1	0	1	36
From Conway				2
	16	16	16	945.

[P. 168.] Vote for the President to send an officer to apprehend Capt. Seth Fogg of Epping & bring him before the General Assembly to be examined concerning some illiberal reflections cast by him on the General Court now sitting.

Vote for committing to prison Capt. Seth Fogg of Epping for refusing to answer certain questions put to him by the General Assembly.

[From Journal of the House, June 23^{d}, 1780.]

The Committee of both Houses, taking under their view the case of Capt. Seth Fogg of Epping who has been sent for to answer to some illiberal reflections cast by him on the General Court now sitting, and taking into consideration the said matter, and considering all the matters lying before them, came to the following resolutions, viz: That it appearing to this Committee upon the evidence produced against him, and he, being interrogated & refusing to answer such interrogations concerning the matter he is accused of, that the said Seth Fogg is contumacious; therefore they Report: That it is best he be committed to

Prison, by order of both houses, if they see fit, untill further order of the General Court or Committee of Safety in their recess.

Saturday, 24th June, 1780.

[P. 169.] Vote appointing Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge of Exeter, Collector General of Beef Cattle for the army from this State.

Vote appointing officers for to command the *three?* Companies of soldiers to be stationed on the Frontiers, viz:

That Capt. Ephraim Stone be Captain of one of the Companies of 60 men, on the Western Frontiers, Lieut. Jonathan Robbins be Lieutenant & Ebenezer Odell be Ensign. That Samuel Reynolds be Capt. of the other Company of 60 men, Lieut Jacob Elliot be Lieutenant & Nathan Barlow be Ensign; & That Capt. Ezekiel Gile be Captain of the Company of 60 men to be stationed at & near Portsmouth, Samuel Piper be Lieutenant & John Starbird be Ensign of said Company.

Vote appointing Majr Jonathan Child to purchase Wheat for the State at & near Connecticut river.

[P. 170.] Vote dividing the militia of this State into 4 Brigades & appointing Brigadier Generals in the following manner, viz:

Col. Joshua Wentworths, Col. Stephen Evens', Col. Joshua Moulton's, Col. Nicholas Gilman's & Col. Gale's Regiments and the Independent Companys within the same District compose the first Brigade; That Col. Gregg's, Col. John Webster's, Col. Kelley's & Col. Nichols', Regiments compose the Second Brigade; That Col. Hale's, Col. Ellis', Col. Bellows' & Col. Chase's and Col. Morey's Regiments compose the third Brigade; That Col. Stickney's, Col. McClary's, Col. Badger's & Col. David Webster's regiments together with Conway, Shelburne & the Locations adjoining compose the fourth Brigade; And whereas Genl Whipple now commands the first Brigade, we recommend the following gentlemen as suitable persons, one of which to be appointed to the command of each of the three Brigades: viz.

Col. Moses Nicholls,
Col. John Webster, } for the second Brigade.
Col. Josiah Bartlett,

Col. Benja Bellows,
Col. Enoch Hale } for the third Brigade.
Col. Jonathan Chase

Col. Joseph Badger
Col. Thomas Stickney } for the fourth Brigade.
Col. John McClary

Which is submitted by M. Thornton for the Committee: Voted that the same be received & accepted.(1)

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(1) There does not appear to be a record of the appointment of a Brigadier General for either of the three last named Brigades.—ED.

Wednesday, June 28th, 1780.

[P. 171.] Vote to pay the account of General Sullivan for drawing bills for the General Assembly, amounting to £210.

Vote to cite Robert Smith of Londonderry to appear before the General Assembly on the 2d Friday of next Session to answer to a complaint of James Betton, Esqr., "for some reflections on said Betton, and to a libellous paper said to be handed about by him."

[P. 172.] Vote investing the Committee of Safety (in recess of the Genl Court) with a full power to call forth the resources of the State on any emergency.

Vote impowering the Treasurer of the State to put £300,000, on interest for a certain time.

Vote impowering the Trustee of the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth to sell the lease of the farm at Wolfeborough on the best terms he can.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to call on all the half-pay officers of this State to go into Garrisons & upon their refusing that they be struck off the list.

Vote appointing Maj. General Sullivan & George Atkinson Esqr members to represent this State in Congress.

Acct of Jeremiah Eames for holding town meetings in Gunthwaite & Apthorp—pd £24.

Acct of Samuel Brooks for use of his rooms, p. £84.

The Justices of the Supr Court, allowed £300 each, to be accounted for.

Attorney General, £300.

Clerk of the Supr Court, £200.

Vote for the General Court to adjourn till Wednesday the Eleventh day of October next then to meet at the State house in Portsmouth.

Attest, E. Thompson, Secy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[Correspondence subsequent to the adjournment in June, and before the meeting of the Assembly in October.—Ed.]

Letter from Col. Moses Nichols, relating to the State of our Troops on their march to the Highlands, &c.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 14.]

Augst 18, 1780.

Sir—I set out from Amherst on the 13th of July, arrived at Springfield on y^{e} 18, where I was ordered by Gen^{l} Stark to halt for further orders; there I remained till y^{e} 27th, taking care of part of both Reg^{mts} as there was no field officer on the ground but myself, no forrage for my horses, Except one Night: I was oblidge some Nights to pay twenty Dollars apiece for my horses—the Dearest hole that ever I was in. Gen^{l} Stark to my great joy arrived on the 26; the next day set out for Great Barrington where but few of our Troops could be served with bread;—(happy for us Gen^{l} Stark took a Drove of Cattle round with us) here Col^{o} Bartlett overtakes us; Col^{o} Bartlett and I were oblidged to contract with private Gentlemen for flower to make bread for the Rear of N. Hamp^{r} men, our expenses had been so great on the road that it was Imposible we could pay for the bread, therefore we convers'd with some soldiers present for them to pay for the bread they draw'd; altho' they were scarce of money they comply'd Rather than go without; we promised the men that the Gen^{l} Court of New Hamp^{r} would Refund the money each man paid for bread. I left a serg^{t} there to see the men were all serv'd & take an acc^{t} who they were that Paid for bread & the No. of pounds; part of four companys of my Reg^{t} containing 207 men got into Claverick the 17th of July. I did not overtake them till I got to Fishkilln,—for one Day previous to our arrival at Claverick they had orders to march—the 8d Aug^{t}. I went from Fishkiln with Gen^{l} Stark to Peekskiln to see his Excelency Gen^{l} Washington where he was then posted, for his orders where to go, he ordered me back to W. Point, the 4 I arrived there. Quick after about half my Reg^{t} arrived, the next day the Rear of mine & Col. Bartlett & His Reg^{t} arrived; this day Gen^{l} Arnold took the command of this Department & makes Robinson's house head Quarters. It is E. of the River about two miles Down; the Gen^{l} ordered me to march my Reg^{t} over to him which I did on the 10th where I now remain—The *proditious* long march & such hot weather causes many of our men to be unfit for duty. I have a dozen in the Hospital & I believe upwards of 30 in a low state, among them two Capts.; my fatigue until now has been very great; no field officer has yet arrived in my Reg^t^. I could wait no longer—therefore I called my Capts. together for them to rank; that I might have a Major from the line—Gen^l^ Arnold recommended the measure.

Extract from Gen^l^ orders: Head Quarters, Robinson's House, Aug^t^ 14, 1780—That Capt. Christopher Webber of Col^o^ Nichols Reg^t^ is appointed to do duty as Major of the same & is to be obeyed & respected as such.

My Reg^t^ consists of 420 men, officers included. Whether we shall tarry here all summer or go to the grand army is Rather uncertain.

Copy of Yesterday's Orders: Head Quarters, Robinson's house, Aug^st^ 17, 1780: The officers commanding Militia Reg^ts^ are immediately & from time to time to make returns to the Executive powers of the States they respectively belong to, of the names of such of the non-commissioned officers & privates of their Reg^ts^ who have deserted or shall hereafter Desert, that proper measures may be taken against them;—the officers commanding these Reg^ts^ are to make immediate return to Head Quarters of the times their Reg^ts^ are respectively engaged for & of the time when such engagements will expire. I suppose that our three months began the 17 of July when at Claverick & of course expire y^e^ 17 of October, David Shapley of Plainfield in Capt. Abel Steven's Company deserted from his Company at Redhook, Aug^t^ y^e^ 2, 1780—not been heard of since.

I this moment waited on the Gen^l^ to know if there was any material News from his Excelency Gen^l^ Washington; he tells me there is no other News than the Gen^l^ is erecting a Battery near Dobb's Ferry, in order that he might have a communication a cross s^d^ ferry—The Gen^l^ tells me it is very uncertain whether officers or privates will draw any money for Rations &c. to carry us home; if we Don't I know not how we shall get home when our times are out; those that are at home Can't possible conceive the expense we are at—beg that some money may be sent forward if possible before our times are out to bring us home.

S^r^ I take Liberty with pleasure to subscribe myself
y^r^ very Hum^b^ Serv^t^. MOSES NICHOLS.

Hilands, E. of N. River
Aug^st^ 18, 1780.
To the Hon^ble^ M. Weare, Esq.

Letter from General Washington, relating to the distressed condition of the army.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 22.]

Head Quarters, near the Liberty Pole in
Bergen County 27^th^ Aug^st^ 1770.

(Circular.)

SIR—The Hon^bl^ the Committee of Co-operation having returned to Congress, I am under the disagreeable necessity of informing you that the army is again reduced to an extremity of distress for want of provision: The greater part of it had been without meat from the 21st to 26th. To endeavour to obtain some relief I moved down to this place, with a view of stripping the lower parts of the Country of the remainder of its cattle, which after a most vigorous exertion is found to afford between two and three days supply only, and those consisting of milch cows and Calves of one or two years old. When this scanty pittance is consumed, I know not what will be our next resource, as the Commissary can give me no certain information of more than 120 head of Cattle expected from Pennsylvania, and about 150 from Massachusetts: I mean in time to supply our immediate wants.

Military coercion is no longer of any avail, as nothing further can possibly be collected from the Country in which we are obliged to take a position, without depriving the inhabitants of the last morsel. This mode of subsisting, supposing the desired end could be answered by it, besides being in the highest degree distressing to individuals, is attended with ruin to the morals and discipline of the army—during the few days which we have been obliged to send out small parties to procure provisions for themselves, the most enormous excesses have been committed.

It has been no inconsiderable support of our cause to have had it in our power to contrast the conduct of our army with that of the enemy, and to convince the inhabitants that while their rights were wantonly violated by the British troops by ours they were respected. This distinction must unhappily now cease, and we must assume the odious character of the plunderers, instead of the protectors of the people—the direct consequence of which must be to alienate their minds from the army and insensibly from the cause.

We have not yet been absolutely without flour, but we have *this* day but *one* days supply in Camp, and I am not certain that there is a single barrel between this place and Trenton. I shall be obliged to draw down one or two hundred barrels from a small magazine which I had endeavored to establish at West Point for the security of the Garrison in case of a sudden investiture.

From the above state of facts it may be foreseen that this army cannot possibly remain much longer together, unless very vigorous and immediate measures are taken by the States to comply with the requisitions made upon them. The Commissary General has neither the means nor the power of procuring supplies; he is only to receive them from the several agents. Without a speedy change of circumstances, this dilemma will be involved:—either the army must disband, or what is, if possible, worse, subsist upon the plunder of the people. I would fain flatter myself that a knowledge of our situation will produce the desired relief—not a relief of a few days as has generally heretofore been the case, but a supply equal to the establishment of magazines for the winter. If these are not formed before the roads are broken up by the weather, we shall certainly experience the same difficulties and distresses the ensuing winter which we did the last: Altho' the troops have upon every occasion hitherto borne their wants with unparalleled patience, it will be dangerous to trust too often to a repetition of the causes of discontent.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Sir, yr most obt Servt
Go WASHINGTON.

State of New Hampshire.

Letter relating to the wants of the troops in the Coos country.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 28.]

Haverhill 28th August, 1780.

DEAR SIR—I am unhappy that necessity obliges me to renew my repeated requests, to know how, and in what manner the Troops under my command are to be supplied with Provisions and equippage. It is needless for me to repeat the particulars, but must refer you to my former letters on the subject—and the bearer hereof, Capt. Rennolds, who, from the knowledge he has acquired of the situation and circumstances of the Troops in this Department, will be able to relate the matter in a true point of light. While the Troops are necessarily detained as a Guard on this frontier, they cannot be sure to suffer in a country like this abounding in provision—when there is no other resource, I must take by force what supplies of provisions are wanted, in case the inhabitants refuse delivering their cattle, & when on proper security, which I have in vain profered. To remove this seeming obstacle of uneasiness, do earnestly request some speedy and effective measures may be adopted by the State to procure the necessary supplies of provisions in a regular manner—I must also request a sum of money be forwarded to discharge Mr. Holbrook's and my own contracts for provision we have already been necessitated to purchase for the maintenance of the Guard at the Upper Coos and this place. Mr. Holbrook informed pr Express yesterday that unless he was put in a capacity to obtain provision, the Guard must unavoidably quit their Post, for want of provision only. I can give him no relief till the return of this express.

We have but a small supply of ammunition on hand—an order issued to have forwarded part of that store from No. 4, will be the readiest way to obtain a supply that I can conceive of. We have been destitute of Salt this two months past, except a bushel or two borrowed from the inhabitants. I wish a supply of that article, also six or eight small tin Camp-Kettles for scouting parties might be forwarded soon as possible; also a small quantity of Borax for the armorers use if possible to be procured.

I am, Sir, with esteem
Yr very Humb Servt.

BENJa WHITCOMB,
Majr Commdr.

Meshech Weare, Esqr.

Appointment of Col. Jabez Hatch, Deputy Quar. Master.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 34.]

Camp at Tappan, Oct. 2d, 1780.

SIR—I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed Colo Jabez Hatch of Boston, deputy quarter master for the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts & Rhode Island. The throwing these three States into one district has been approved of by the Board of War. So far as the appointment of Colo Hatch respects your State, I have to request your approbation of it, & that you would be pleased to signify the same to me as soon as it shall be convenient.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Excellency's most obedt servt.

TIMo PICKERING,
Qu. Mr.

His Excellency
President Weare.

Letter from the President of Congress, relative to the arrangements for the army.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 86.]

(Circular) Philadelphia, October 6, 1780.

SIR—You will receive herewith enclosed, an Act of Congress of the 21st Ult° containing a new arrangement of the Army: special reasons have delayed the sending of it forward to the several States until this time.

By this arrangement the number of Battalions is greatly reduced & of consequence many of the officers now retained in the service must retire for the present; but after just & equitable compensation is made to them, the saving of expense will be very great.

Congress are extremely anxious, not only to avoid the dangers & embarrassments heretofore experienced by Delays in recruiting the Army until the opening of the Campain, but also to establish a permanent Army, of Troops engaged for the war, to consist of such numbers as may be adequate to the service, & at the same time not exceed the ability of the States to raise & support, and constantly recruit so as to keep up the numbers.

It is recommended to the States in the most pressing manner to have their Regiments completed & in the Field by the first day of January next at farthest. The Commander in chief will cause immediate returns to be made of the Deficiencies of each State according to this arrangement.

You will observe, Sir, that the respective States are to select from the line of the Army the number of officers to command the several regiments to them respectively assigned, taking notice that no new appointment is to be made of higher rank than Lt. Col. Commandant; for substantial reasons supposed to be known to all the States.

But the first and immediate object is to complete the regiments to their full number of non-commissioned Officers & Privates, which is recommended in the most pressing manner as of the greatest importance.

I have the honor to be with every sentiment
of esteem & respect, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
SAM. HUNTINGTON, President.

The Honble the President of Council
of New Hampshire.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their Session begun and holden at Portsmouth, by adjournment on the Second Wednesday of October, being the eleventh day of said month Anno Domini, 1780.

[Members of the House, the same as in the former session but no Quorum was in attendance, untill]

[P. 174.] Wednesday October 18th 1780.

NOTE. The proceedings which follow are copied from the Records of the Council, as concurred with votes of the House.—ED.

Vote That the Town of New Castle, instead of the Beef they were directed to furnish for the Continent have liberty to pay merchantable West India Rum at the price stipulated by Congress.

Thursday, October 19th 1780.

[P. 175.] Vote for the Treasurer to discount with Timothy Dale constable of Wilton, 3763 Dollars out of the Tax of said Town, it being for so much advanced by said Dale to Jonathan Martin, by order of the Committee of Safety.

[P. 176.] Friday, October 20th 1780.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on preparing the form of a Precept to issue for calling a New Assembly, viz.

[From Journal of the House, Oct. 20, 1780. (1)]

That the form of the writs to be sent out to the several Towns & Places in this State for that Purpose, be as follows:

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(1) The journal from which these proceedings are copied is found in a MS. volume in the Secretary's office, labelled "Journal of the House of Representatives, 1777-81."—ED.

State of New Hampshire.

The Government and People of said State—
To the Selectmen of........in the County of........in said State, *Greeting.*

You are hereby required to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the........(giving them fifteen days notice) to meet at some convenient place in your Town to elect........person having a Real Estate of the value of two hundred pounds lawful money in this State, to represent them in the General Assembly to be holden at Exeter in said State on the third Wednesday in December next at three o'clock in the afternoon, and to empower such Representative for the term of one year from their first meeting, to transact such business and pursue such measures as they may judge necessary for the public good; and particularly to impower such Representative to vote in the choice of Delegates for the Continental Congress.

It is also recommended to impower such Representative to join in calling a CONVENTION to settle a PLAN OF GOVERNMENT for this State; and the person who shall be elected, you are to notify to attend at time & place above-mentioned. And at said meeting each voter as aforesaid, on one paper, is to bring in votes for.........persons, being reputable freeholders and inhabitants in your County having a real estate of two hundred pounds, to serve as members of the Council for the year ensuing, and the Clerk of your Town is hereby directed to seal up all such votes under cover, and send them to................. in your County, by the second Wednesday in December next, directed to a Committee appointed to receive them.

And it is Resolved, That no person be allowed a seat in Council or Assembly who shall by himself or any person for him, before said choice, treat with liquor &c. any elector, with an apparent view of gaining their votes, or afterwards on that account: And make return of this writ with your doings thereon into the Secretary's office at Exeter, by the third Wednesday in December next.

Portsmouth, Oct^r^ 20^th^, 1780. ....President.
By order of the Council and
Assembly ....Speaker.
....................Secretary.

Saturday, October 21st, 1780.

[P. 177.] Vote for suspending the Sale of all regranted lands belonging to the Estate of the late Governor John Wentworth, an absentee & that the agent for said Estate govern himself accordingly.

Vote for Robert Smith [of Londonderry] to be cited to appear before the General Court on Friday next to answer for some reflections in a libellous paper said to be handed about by him against James Betton, Esq^r^ a member of the House.

[From Journal of the House, Oct. 20, 1780.]

Agreeable to the order of the day, Robert Smith of Londonderry appeared pursuant to a citation when that part of the matter for which he was called to answer respecting Mr. Betton, being passed over, The Libel mentioned in the order of Court was read and considered: Whereupon Voted that the said Libel is false and scandalous, and that the said Robert Smith is largely censurable for publishing the same.(1)

[P. 178.] Vote that Freeman Gardner have leave to export for Barrington in Nova Scotia, 90 bushels of Indian corn, 80 gallons of molasses, 150 gallons of Rum, 600 lbs. brown sugar, 900 lbs. of tobacco, 6 bbls of cider, 10 bushels of apples, 1 bbl. of pork, and a small quantity of earthen ware.

Wednesday, October 25th, 1780.

Vote appointing Joshua Wentworth, Esq. a Commissioner in behalf of this State to meet Commissioners from the New England States, (at Hartford in Connecticut,) to consult on public affairs.

[P. 179.] Vote ascertaining in what manner the officers ot the Militia shall make up their Rolls for payment of the soldiers who served under them the Summer past in the army. [Viz.]

That the officers should make up their rolls, calculating at the rate of sixty-seven for one from the original wages given the continental troops.

That they make up a days travel to each person for every twenty miles travelled from the place they were dismist at to the place of their respective homes; also one dollar per mile for subsistance reckoning the distance as aforesaid; That the officers & soldiers be made up ten dollars per month for detained parts of rations; That they make up two hundred dollars per month to the officers for each detained ration; That those soldiers who advanced money for bread at Great Barrington on their march, be allowed therefor.

Thursday, October 26th, 1780.

Vote directing Noah Emery Esq^r Clerk of the Assembly how to distribute the Law-books in his hands lately printed: viz.

To furnish all those persons who are members of the Gen^l Court this present year (that were not members of the late Court) with Law-Books—Provided that there be a sufficient number already printed for that purpose, after he has fully complied with the aforementioned vote.

Vote to receive & accept the Report of both houses relative to issuing out of the Treasury the new paper bills; taking off Embargoes &c. viz.

That the Treasurer be directed to issue only the new Emission for the future, and that all Drafts on the Treasury be discharged in that way; That bills of the new emission shall be issued from and received into the Treasury for the present without computing interest on the same, and that bills of the said emission issued by any of the United States be for the present received in payments into the Treasury of this State: That all Acts or Resolves laying Embargoes in this State be repealed.

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(1) This vote was reconsidered next day, and Robert Smith cited to appear again on Friday, 27th; but there is no record of further proceedings.—ED.

Saturday, October 28th, 1780.

[P. 181.] Vote appointing Mr. John T. Gilman a Commissioner from this State to join Commissioners of the other N. E. States to meet at Hartford in Connecticutt to consult on public affairs.

[P. 182.] Monday, October 30th, 1780.

Act for suspending the sale & also payment of Taxes on the un-improved lands belonging to the Estate of the late Thomas Packer, Esqr deceased—Enacted.

[P. 183.] Tuesday, October 31st, 1780.

Vote for Mr. John T. Gilman to have out of the Treasury one hundred pounds new Emission for which sum he is to be accountable.

[P. 184.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee on Majr Bass's letter,(1) and that the Board of War be directed to take immediate measures to procure necessary cloathing for our officers & soldiers in the army, and that they have a draft on the Treasury for the sum of seven thousand pounds, N. Emission, for that purpose.

Wednesday, November 1st, 1780.

[P. 185.] Vote desiring the President to write to our Delegates at Congress and request the opinion of Congress relative to the dispute about Taxes between the Selectmen of Portsmouth & Monsieur De la Tour.

[P. 186.] Vote for Colo Clapp (agent victualler) to receive out of the Treasury £1500 for purpose of purchasing Beef & other necessaries for the State.

[P. 187.] Thursday, Novr 2d, 1780.

Vote giving leave to the Towns of Stratham and New Market to raise money by a Lottery to repair the Bridge between said Towns and giving them leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Vote for a Committee to make a division of the tenth Regiment of Militia in this State & to nominate officers for the new regiment.

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(1) This letter not found.—Ed.

Vote to apprehend & commit to Goal all persons drafted from the militia either for six months or three months service and do not march, unless they pay their fine according to Law.

Friday, Nov^r^ 3^d^, 1780.

[P. 189.] Vote for the Chief Justice of the Superior Court to have £120 & each of the puisne Justices of said Court £90, deducting £10 from Judge Hubbard, who did not attend Keen Court, & deducting what they have respectively received in advance, in full for their service the year past.

Warrants granted to Col° Weare for £103:10, to Mr. Hubbard for £65, and to Mr. Thornton & Wenthworth each for £75.

Vote appointing Field officers for the sixteenth Regiment of Militia, and Vote dividing the tenth Regiment of Militia into two Regiments. [viz.]

[From Journal of the House, Nov^r^ 3^d^ 1780.]

The Committee appointed to make a division of the tenth regiment of Militia in this State &c. Report as their opinion: That the tenth regiment be divided in the following manner, viz. The tenth regiment to consist of the towns of Gilmantown, Sanbornton, Meredith, New Hampton, Barnstead, New Durham, & New Durham Gore (so called) and that the following Towns constitute a new regiment, viz. Wakefield, Middleton, Wolfeborough, Effingham Moulton, Tuftonborough, Sandwich, Tamworth, Ossipee Gore, Eaton & Conway, & have made a nomination for field officers for each regiment, which is herewith submitted.

Enoch Hale, for the Com^tee^

Whereupon the house proceeded to ballot and made choice of the following persons, viz. Lt. Col. Ebenezer Smith for the first Colonel of the tenth Regiment, and Major Bradbury Richardson for the first Colonel of the new Regiment, now the nineteenth; & Capt. Joseph Badger for the Lieut. Col. of the tenth Regiment, Capt. Chace Taylor for the first Major, & Capt. Richard Sinclair for the second Major of said Regiment; Also Capt. David Copp for the Lt. Col. of the nineteenth regiment, Capt. David Page for the first Major and Mr. David Folsom for the second Major of said Regiment.

[P. 190.] Tuesday, Nov^r^ 7^th^ 1780.

Vote appointing George Atkinson, Esq. a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

[P. 192.] Thursday, Nov^r^ 19^th^ 1780.

Vote appointing sundry Civil officers: viz

That Joseph Whidden of Portsmouth and Capt. Benjamin Norris of Pembroke be Coroners for the County of Rockingham; That Thomas Gilman of Northfield & David Tilton of Hawke be Justices of the Peace for s^d^ County of Rockingham; That Matthew Harvey of Perrystown be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Hillsborough, & Deacon Abel Kimball of Hopkinton be a Coroner for said county of Hillsborough; That Capt. Abel Stevens of Grantham be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire, & Capt. Joseph Barritt of Westmoreland be a Coroner for the aforesaid county of Cheshire; And Jonathan Palmer of Wakefield a Coroner for the County of Strafford.

[P. 193.] Friday, Nov^{r} 10th 1780.

Vote directing that Simon Dearborn be Struck off from the pay roll of Capt. Daniel Gordon's Company for desertion.

Vote authorizing the Committee of Safety to appoint a day of Public Thanksgiving, provided a General one should not be appointed by Congress.

Vote appointing Woodbury Langdon Esq^{r} a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Saturday, Nov^{r} 11th 1780.

Vote to exempt the lands appropriated to the use of Dartmouth College from paying Taxes.

Vote appointing the 7th of December next to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving throughout this State.(1)

Vote to pay Rev. Daniel Rogers 20 Dollars, the Rev. Isaac Mansfield 20 dollars, the Rev. Dr. Haven 10 Dollars, the Rev. Mr. Buckingham 10 Dollars (N. E.) for their attendance & praying with the Gen^{l} Court.

Vote for directing Capt. Ebenezer Dearing to fire thirteen Cannon at the Batteries this day at one o'clock P. M. on account of the good news received from Carolina.(2)

Vote dissolving the General Court, brought up & concurred.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

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(1) The same day had probably been appointed by Congress for a general Thanksgiving.—ED.

(2) This probably has reference to the battle at King's mountain in North Carolina, on the 7th of October, when the American troops, commanded by Colonel Williams, gained a decisive victory over the British under Major Ferguson. One hundred and fifty of Ferguson's party were killed on the spot, and about the same number wounded. Eight hundred and ten were made prisoners. Fifteen hundred stand of excellent arms were taken.—ED.

A List of the Towns with which the Treasurer of the State discounted, on account of money advanced for bounties to soldiers, agreeably to votes passed by the General Assembly.(1)

Towns.	Amount discounted.	Time when.
Hopkinton	£636:0:0	Dec. 22d 1779.
Boscawen	298:	" 23d 1779
Westmoreland	528:	" 24th 1779.
Deering	60:	" Do. Do
Francestown	42:	" Do. Do.
Barnstead	42:	" 28th Do
Packersfield	120 & 42 for travel.	June 27, 1780.
Jaffrey	Of new emission, £8:15:0	Octr 31, Do.
Westmoreland	Old Cont bills £108:	Novr 2, Do.
Walpole	New Emn £5:9:4	Nov. 8, Do
Haverhill	£11.989:4	Jany 3, 1781.

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(1) See *ante*, p. 842.—Ed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their first session begun and holden at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December, being the twentieth day of said month, in the 5th year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini 1780.

[For names of members of the House of Representatives for 1780-81, see June session, 1781, on a subsequent page.—Ed.

From Records of Council.

[p. 195.] Wednesday, December 20th 1780, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of the new General Court, several of the elected members attended but not enough to make a quorum.

Thursday, Decr 21st, 1780.

A Quorum being met they proceeded to business, and made choice of the Honbl Meshech Weare, Esqr for their President.(1)

Friday, Decr 22d, 1780.

Vote appointing Ebenezer Thompson Esq. Secretary for the year ensuing & until another shall be chosen in his stead, bro't up, read & concurred, and he was sworn by the President faithfully to discharge said trust.

Vote appointing Joseph Pearson Deputy Secretary for the year ensuing, bro't up, read & concurred & was sworn to the faithful discharge of sd trust by the President.

Wednesday, Decr 27th, 1780.

[p. 197.] Vote allowing Lieut. Jonathan Emerson to receive for his half-pay heretofore voted him, the nominal sum in bills of the new emission instead of the old emission.

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(1) The names of members of the Council are not found on record.—Ed.

Saturday, Dec^{r} 30th 1780.

[P. 199.] Vote desiring the President to write to the commanding officer of the New Hampshire Brigade requesting an accurate return of the names of all the officers & soldiers belonging to this State.(1)

Vote to pay the account of Jonathan Martin for buying horses for the State amounting to £848 : 5 old emission.

Monday, January 1st, 1781.

[P. 200.] Vote for a precept to be sent to the Town of Stoddard &c. to elect a Representative to sit in the assembly of this State.

Tuesday, Jan^{y} 2d, 1781.

[P. 201.] Vote to accept the resignation of Samuel Hunt Esq^{r} as Col^{o} of the 16th regiment of Militia.

Vote for the three months men to be allowed wages & depreciation on the Continental army.

Thursday, Jan^{y} 4th, 1781.

[P. 203.] Vote for the Rev^{d} Israel Evans, Chaplain of the New Hampshire Brigade, to receive out of the Treasury £100, (N. E.) for which he is to be accountable.(2)

Vote for Capt. Giddinge to order all Beef Cattle collected for the State, to be drove to Exeter, there to be disposed of as the General Court shall order—Concurred with this amendment, That Capt. Giddinge kill & salt such Cattle as soon as they come to his care. [Concurred.]

Friday, Jan^{y} 5th, 1781.

[P. 204.] Vote for the Hon^{bl} Nicholas Gilman, Esq^{r} to be Treasurer of the State until another be appointed in his room.

Vote determining how the men who have lately served six months in the Continental army shall be paid, viz.

That the six months men be allowed the same wages with the last Militia who served for three months; That their pay commence one week previous to their departure from home, to be mustered in order to prepare themselves, and that they also be allowed one day's pay for every twenty miles travel, to the respective muster-master; That they be made up to the times they were respectively discharged at with a further allowance of one day's pay for every twenty miles travel home, & five pounds to each man agreeable to the Act for raising them; That the Committee on claims prepare the Pay rolls agreeable to these directions & present them to the House for acceptance.

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(1) The names of the officers and soldiers belonging to New Hampshire that were in service in the Revolution may now be found in the state archives, in the office of the Adjutant General.—ED.

(2) After the Revolution the Rev. Israel Evans was installed pastor of the First Congregational Church in Concord, July, 1789. He continued in office eight years, then resigned his charge. He died in Concord, March 9, 1807, in the 60th year of his age. See Bouton's Hist. of Concord, pp. 567-569.—ED.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter from General John Stark—Mr. Frost & Mr. Johnson joined [to Col. Bartlett, Mr. Ladd & Mr. Robinson.]

Letter from General John Stark.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 42.]

Westpoint, 4th Novr. 1780.

Sir—Since the death of the late worthy General Poor, I am led to suppose that you have not had a regular correspondent from the Army; a circumstance that I think myself in part blameable for, though not altogether irremissible on account of the fluctuated state of the army since that time. But now, since all hopes of operations are laid aside for the present Campaign, I may with more leisure & propriety write than I could before.

Representations with regard to this *important Fortress* I am sure must have been made previous to my letter; but still it can be no injury to further represent the absolute necessity of its being well supplied the ensuing Winter; and likewise to still further urge the importance of the place. It is beyond a doubt the Key of America & the enemy possessing it infallibly cuts off all public communication between the northern & the southern States;—a circumstance that the very thought of must create *horror* in a *feeling breast*. You may be assured that every possible means of supply within the power of the Army is attended to with the greatest *Alacrity;* but their endeavours without your assistance must be altogether useless, while on the other hand their Industry with your care effectually secures the Garrison, and places matters in a fair light for the opening of another campaign.

To recite the difficulties of the last Winter at Morristown, together with the unequaled sufferings of the Troops at that place, would shock not only the ears, but wound the feelings of every one who had the misfortune to hear them. However, that time being over (but by no means forgot) I shall not enlarge upon the circumstances, but leave you to judge what must be their calamities, when six or seven days without flour & very little meat, & frequently for several days without either. It was then supposed to be owing to the indigence of the States at large; but upon the present system adopted for the supply of the army, it would be an imposition on judgment to suppose that they could not be procured, when every one acknowledges that there is more provisions by far in proportion to the country than when the war commenced. Then every body knows how liberally a large army was supplied.

The next thing that occurs to my mind, is, with respect to the next campeign. We ought by all means to exert every nerve in procuring soldiers for to fill our Battalions, agreeable to the establishment lately made by Congress; which probably you will soon receive.

I have been told that a number of soldiers & some officers, belonging to the sixteen additional Battalions, have made application to the several States they belong to for their depreciation money: Allowing that to be the case, I cannot see the propriety of their being paid; for they were not considered as belonging to any particular States, neither was their vacancies filled in the same manner as the State Troops;—and as for their service, I don't think there was ten soldiers enlisted the more for their being appointed; upon the whole it was only making a multiplicity of officers which it seems the public would now be willing to get rid of. But as that matter more particularly concerns you than me, let the further progress rest in your heart.

I have consulted with the New Hampshire Officers concerning money, who all agree, that if some was sent from the State to the Troops it would be of eminent service & give general satisfaction. Rhode Island has already advanced their officers considerable sums on account.

I with pleasure congratulate you upon the important advantages gained over the Enemy in North Carolina; altho' late in the season here, yet I am convinced important advantages will arise from it. It will undoubtedly rouse the militia from their former lethargy, & possibly with such spirit as to clear the Carolinas.

There is little or no public Cloathing to expect this year, therefore the Troops will, of course, look up to the State for supplies of that kind, and the cold season advancing apace, calls for our exertions.

I am with much respect & esteem
Your most obed^t serv^t.
John Stark.

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare.

N. B. The Troops have not rec^d any money for seven months back, and are of course destitute. J. S.

Saturday, January 6th, 1781.

[p. 205.] Vote for all the Beef Cattle due to the State on East side of Merrimack river, to be drove to Portsmouth & delivered to Col^o Supply Clap, and those on the West side of said River to be drove to Charlestown & delivered to Col. Hunt.

Tuesday, Jan^y 9th, 1781.

Vote appointing Jedediah Jewet to be Sub-Clothier & Commissary in the room of Major Bass who has resigned.

Friday, Jan^y 12th, 1781.

[p. 207.] An act for raising and compleating this State's Quota of the Continental Army—Enacted.

Saturday, Jan^y 13th, 1781.

Vote appointing General Benjamin Bellows a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Resolve giving Instructions to our Delegates at Congress relative to Vermont: viz.

That the Delegates of this State at the Continental Congress be instructed to move in Congress that there be a speedy decision respecting the claim of this State to the New Hampshire Grants, so called, to the West of Connecticut river, and that it is the opinion of the Committee that when the s^d^ matter shall be taken into consideration by Congress, the said Delegates shall urge that the previous question shall be, Whether the Grants shall be allowed to be a separate State or not.(1)

Report of a joint Committee relating to calling a Convention.

Journ. of the House, Jan. 10th, 1781.

The Committee Report, That a Convention of Delegates from the several Towns & places in this State be called in order to settle a Plan of Government for s^d State, & that the s^d Convention be held on the first Tuesday of June next at Concord in the afores^d State.

[The Committee further Report, Jan^y 11th,] That Precepts issue to all the Towns, Parishes & Districts in this State, having Fifty families or under, directing them (if they see fit) either by themselves or by classing with some other Towns or places, to send one member to the Convention to be held at Concord for the purpose of forming a Plan of Government, & that such Towns & places as contain more than Fifty families, be directed (if they see fit) to send one member for every fifty families, provided that each Town, Parish or place so sending, shall pay their own members for their time & expense.

The Committee further Report—That after a Plan of Government shall be formed by the Convention, Copies of the same shall be sent out to the several Towns, Parishes & places in this State for the inspection & approbation of the People—which Plan if approved of by the major part of the People in s^d State shall be adopted & confirmed as the Plan of Government for said State, & not otherwise; and that the Inhabitants of the several Towns & places in the New Hampshire Grants so called, on the west side of Connecticut river be requested to send members and join in forming a Plan of Government; & that Precepts issue to s^d Towns & places in the same manner as to the Towns & places on the East side of said River, & that the Precepts be sent to Gen^l Bellows, & he be desired to direct the same and forward them to the several Towns and places in said Grants.

Voted, That Mr. Foster, Mr. Folsom, Col. Baldwin, Capt. Houghton, & Mr. Dow with such of the Hon^{bl} Board as they shall join, be a Committee to make the draft of a Precept to be sent to the several Towns & places in this State, including the Grants west of Connecticut river, requesting them, if they see fit, to send Delegates to the Convention to be held at Concord, on the first Tuesday in June next, for the purpose of forming a Plan of Government for said State, agreeable to a report of the Committee of the whole, & to lay the same before this house.—Concurred—Mr. Wentworth joined.

Tuesday, Jan^y 16th, 1781.

[P. 208.] Vote appointing Samuel Livermore, Esq^r a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

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(1) See "Vermont Controversy," in Secretary's office, and Vermont State Papers, before referred to.—ED.

Wednesday, Jan^y 17th, 1781.

[P. 209.] In consequence of an Express from General Washington, both Houses met in Committee & spent the remainder of the day.

From Journal of the House, Jan^y 17th 1781.

The Committee of the whole being again met proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred, & after reading & considering a Letter from Gen^l Washington bro't by Gen^l Knox, and consulting Gen^l Knox upon the subject matter of the s^d Letter, the cause of the late revolt of the Pennsylvania line, and the situation of our troops at Head Quarters, agree to report;—That within the course of next week, three months pay in money of the new Emission shall be forwarded to the officers & soldiers of this State; That Expresses be forthwith sent to the several delinquent Towns, that can be sent to, to require them to pay into the Treasury without fail by Tuesday next, the money due for the State and Continental Tax, or as much as they have collected or can collect by that time; That a gratuity be given to the soldiers of this State; That a sum of hard money be raised by Tax for that purpose:

Jan. 18th The Committee further agree to report—That the soldiers of this State engaged for the war and now in the Field be assured that measures are now taking to raise by tax as speedily as possible, a sum of money, which when collected will be sent to them; & that the State will take every necessary measure for making as ample provision for their troops in every respect as any State in the Union: That fifteen thousand milled Dollars or other specie equivalent be raised by Tax on the several Towns & places in this State, to be paid into the Treasury by the last Wednesday in March next, & that a Bill be prepared for that purpose.

[Which report was accepted but afterwards it was agreed] That twenty-four dollars in specie be sent by this State to each non-commission officer & private engaged for the time of the War in the Battalion. of s^d State, as a gratuity for their good services, as soon as the money can be obtained.

Thursday, Jan^y 18th 1781.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee, with respect to the Beef & Rum to be supplied by this State: viz.

That the Beef be apportioned in the several towns & places in this State, agreeable to the rule observed in collecting the Beef last year, & that the quantity of s^d beef which is to be salted be procured by the first of March next & salted at the places recommended by General Washington; That the times Specified in Col^o Blaine's requisition cannot be complied with for sending in the live cattle, therefore would recommend to the Hon^{bl} Court that one fourth part of the live cattle be collected & sent forward by the fifteenth of July next, and one fourth part by the first of September next, and the residue to compleat the requisition by the first day of December next; & that some suitable person or persons be appointed to purchase the Rum agreeable to the requisition of Congress as soon as may be.

Friday, Jan^{y} 19th 1781.

[P. 211.] Vote impowering Moses Dow Esq^{r} to sell all the hides & tallow belonging to this State at Haverhill & other places in the County of Grafton & return the money into the Treasury.

Vote for the President to write to Gen^{l} Washington to desire the New Hampshire men in the other corps of the Army to be removed to the New Hampshire line.

Whereas by a vote of the Council and Assembly of this State of the 27th of June last, the Hon^{ble} Gen^{l} John Sullivan & George Atkinson, Esq^{r} were chosen Delegates to represent this State in the Continental Congress for the term of one year from & after the first day of November then next, since which time the said George Atkinson, Esq^{r} hath declined to accept of said trust, and it appearing necessary that there should be two Delegates from this State at Congress as much of the time as possible; Therefore, Vote, That Samuel Livermore and Benjamin Bellows Esqr^{s} be, and they hereby are chosen Delegates to represent this State in Congress for the term of one year from the date hereof, unless sooner recalled & relieved by order of this state, with all the powers and privileges heretofore given to any Delegates of this State at Congress;—one of them, as they shall agree, to repair to Congress as soon as may be; And whenever Gen^{l} Sullivan now at Congress, shall signify his desire of returning home, or shall be recalled or relieved by order of the State, that then the other of said Delegates immediately go forward & supply his place; and the said John Sullivan, Samuel Livermore & Benjamin Bellows or either of them in the absence of the other or others, are hereby fully authorized and impowered to appear as agent or agents for this State before Congress or any Court or Commissioners by Congress to hear & determine any or all the disputes between New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and the inhabitants of a certain District known by the name of New Hampshire Grants—Sent down for concurrence by Mr. Johnson, & bro't up concurred by the House.

Vote, That any person or persons possessed of Continental Bills of Credit of the old emission be permitted to exchange the same at the State Treasury at the rate of Forty Dollars of the old emission for one of the new, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to exchange the same. Sent down by Mr. Atkinson.—Non-concurred.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee on the Petition of Col° Jona. Chase: viz.

That Col° Chase & Col° Morey be authorized to raise forthwith a number of men not exceeding sixty, to be under the command of a Captain & two subalterns, & to be employed in Scouting parties till the first day of April next, to defend the western frontiers, & that they receive adequate pay for their services & provisions, so soon as the Towns in the Counties of Cheshire & Grafton pay into the State Treasury their Taxes; after which, the State will do every thing in their power for their further protection & Defence.

Saturday, Jan^{y} 20th, 1781.

[P. 212.] Vote directing the President to issue writs to choose members of Council when any refuse, after being chosen & notified.

[P. 213.] Wednesday, Jan^{y} 24th, 1781.

Staff Roll of Col° Thomas Bartlett, pd. £506 : 5. (N. E.)
Roll of Capt. Eben^{r} Webster, in Col. Nichols Reg^{t} £939 : 16 : 3½.
Vote to raise matrosses to be stationed at Piscataqua harbour.

Thursday, Jan^{y} 25th, 1781.

[P. 215.] Vote ascertaining what pay the members of the General Court shall receive for their time & travel this Session: viz. "11*s.* & 3*d* pr day of the new emission, and 7*d.* half-penny pr. mile travel, &c. Each member of the Committee of Safety, 13*s.* 6*d.* pr day—& travel 7½*d.*"

Friday, Jan^{y} 24th, 1781.

[P. 216.] Vote ascertaining the power of the Committee of Safety & determining that the Committee consist of seven persons.

Roll of Capt. Timothy Emerson, pd. £843 : 14 : 6½.
Roll of Capt. John Eastman, pd. £916 : 3 : 10 (N. E.)
Vote that the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq^{r}. Josiah Bartlett Esq^{r} George Atkinson, Esq^{r} John Dudley, Esq^{r} John Calfe, Esq^{r} John Smith, Esq^{r} & Mr. John Taylor Gilman, be and hereby are chosen & appointed a Committee of Safety for this State to continue until another Committee of Safety be appointed in their stead, and that they have all the powers & authorities given them by the vote of this house yesterday. [Journ. of House.]

[P. 217.] Saturday, Jan^{y} 27th, 1781.

Vote for the President to write to the paymaster of the Continental Army, desiring him to pay the wages of the six months men to Jedediah Jewett.

Resolve directing the Selectmen of the several Towns &

places in this State to bring into the Committee on Claims, all accounts for supplying soldiers Families, &c.

Vote directing the Collectors of Beef for the State to provide Cask & Salt, and to salt Beef they collect.

An Act for raising one million four hundred thousand pounds weight of Beef towards the support of the Continental army having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Vote giving leave to the Treasurer to exchange the new emitted bills for the old.

[P. 218.] The President (by order of Court) made out an order for Mr. Jedediah Jewett to draw out of the Treasury 27,000 Dollars of the new emission to carry to the army.

Vote to adjourn the General Assembly until the Second Wednesday in March next.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their Second Session begun and holden at Exeter on the Second Wednesday of March, being the fourteenth day of said month, in the fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, 1781.

[For names of members of the House, see the session in June next, on a subsequent page.—ED.]

Names of members of the Honourable Council.

Hon^bl Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett Nich^s Gilman John McClary Woodbury Langdon	Rockingham County.
George Frost John Wentworth	Strafford Co.
Wyseman Clagett John Hale	Hillsborough Co.
Enoch Hale	Cheshire Co.
Charles Johnston, Esq^r	Grafton Co.

Eben^r Thompson, Secr^y
Joseph Pearson, D. Sec^y

From Records of Council.

[P. 219.] Wednesday, March 14th 1781.

Five members attended according to adjournment.

Thursday, March 15th 1781.

Five members attended in the forenoon & seven in the afternoon, when they proceeded on Business.

Vote for the Treasurer to discount with the Selectmen of Portsmouth, five hundred twenty four pounds eight shillings new currency for Rum supplied the State for the use of the army.

Friday, March 16th 1781.

[P. 220.] Vote directing that the Rum & Sugar delivered the six months men shall not be charged to them.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on wages of the Delegates of this State at Congress & for advancing Mr. Livermore £400 new Emission; & "That the President be desired to write Genl Sullivan, informing him he hath liberty to draw bills on him payable at four days sight, for any sum he may have occasion for, not exceeding four hundred pounds."

Saturday, March 17th 1781.

[P. 221.] Vote for the President to Pay only £200 of General Sullivan's drafts, instead of £400, heretofore Voted.

Wednesday, March 21st 1781.

[P. 222.] Vote appointing Capt. Moses Bradford Commissary of prisoners in the room of Colo Supply Clap who hath resigned.

[P. 223.] Vote to pay the Roll of Capt. James Aiken amounting to £892 : 14 : 2½ new emission.

Vote directing the Board of War to procure cloathing for the army.

[P. 224.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter from B. Gl Stark & report thereon.(1) Mr. Clagett & Mr. Johnson joined [to Mr. Gilman, Mr. Blood, Colo Mooney, Maj. Webster & Mr. Adams of the house.]

Thursday March 22d 1781.

Vote to allow Anne Thomas, widow of Lt. Joseph Thomas, who was killed at Bemus' Heights, half the wages that would have been due to her husband for a certain time.

[P. 225.] Vote for John T. Gilman to receive out of the Treasury £100 of the new emission for the purpose of paying 25 Dollars each to the Soldiers at home on furlow.

Friday, March 23d 1781.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on the letter from Genl Stark, viz:

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(1) This letter has not been found.—ED.

That no officer be detained for the purpose of conducting the recruits, but that they take with them all such as may be ready at the time of their departure; That with respect to the accounts mentioned in said letter for the support of the Generals horses & for provisions, the Committee conceive that this State cannot properly take cognizance thereof, but that it is in the Department of the Forage & Quarter master General.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on soldiers belonging to this State engaging in the Massachusetts service: viz:

That the Hon^{ble} the President be desired to write to his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts representing the difficulties this State are reduced to in obtaining its quota of Troops, by reason of persons coming into the same from that Commonwealth & hiring out persons as soldiers; & desiring measures may be taken by the authority of that Commonwealth for turning all such persons so enlisted as part of this States quota, & to prevent such proceedings in future.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on settling depreciation of wages with the army,—to wit:

That as soon as the accounts of what hath been or may be paid to the officers & soldiers by Congress or otherways for wages for the year 1780, & the accounts from the several Towns for supplies to soldiers Families &c. are obtained, a settlement shall be made for the depreciation of wages for the said year and one Note given to each officer & soldier for the ballance that may be found due to him: The Notes to bear date January 1st, 1781, payable by the first day of July 1782, & to carry compound Interest from the date untill paid; the value of said Notes at the time of payment to be estimated by the same articles that the Notes given the year past were estimated.

Vote establishing to Solomon Copp & his assigns the exclusive right of keeping a ferry at a place called Mohawk-point on Winnipisiokee River, with leave for him to bring in a Bill for that purpose.

Saturday, March 24th, 1781.

[P. 227.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on Br. Gen. James Reed's petition: to wit,

That a settlement be made (as soon as may be) with General Reed for the depreciation of his wages from January 1st 1777 to January 1st, 1780, in the same manner as settlements have been made with Continental Brigadier Generals, in other States, he allowing for all such sums as he may have received within that time from the United States & this State for wages &c. and that a settlement be made with him for the year 1780 in the same manner. The Com^{tee} further Report, That if General Reed shall see cause to purchase any Lands or other Estates which have been forfeited & confiscated to the use of this State in such case the Notes which may be given him for Depreciation as aforesaid may be received in payment for Lands &c. as are sold at publick Vendue, & that the consideration of half pay mentioned in the resolution of Congress be postponed for the present.

Vote for B. G^l Stark to receive out of the Treasury £70 new emission, to be accounted for.

[P. 227-8.] Acc^t of Col. Nahum Baldwin, pd. 12*s*.

Col^o John Hale to receive three quarters of his note, for depreciation.

Widow of Capt. Elijah Clayes, to receive three quarters of her note for depreciation, &c.

Capt. Jere. Eames, pd. on account of John Holbrook, £48: 12: 7½.

Wednesday, March 28^th, 1781.

An Act to authorize certain persons to settle the Boundary lines between the Towns of Enfield (alias Relhan) Canaan & Grafton—Enacted.

[P. 230.] Voted, That Col^o Samuel Folsom deliver to Robert Smith, Trustee of the Estate of Stephen Holland, a Gold watch, which belonged to said Estate & that said Smith's receipt therefor shall be a full discharge to said Folsom.

Vote for receivers of Beef Cattle for the State to sell hides & tallow, &c.

Vote for paying the ballance of the account of General Nath^l Folsom, amounting to £78 : 6 : 9.

Thursday, March 29^th, 1781.

[P. 231.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on the Letter from Gen^l Washington.(1) viz.

That the President be desired to write to the officers appointed to receive the new recruits at the several places of Rendezvous in this State, to forward them to the army as fast as possible, agreeable to General Washington's request, & that said recruits be informed that this State are taking measures for speedily procuring & sending forward to the army their necessary cloathing; That the Board of War be directed to procure all necessary cloathing for the soldiers as well as the officers in the army, & send it forward as soon as possible; & that the Board of War may be speedily supplied with money for that purpose, the Committee recommend that the several Agents appointed to make sale of the Estates of Absentees, be called upon immediately to pay into the Treasury the several sums of money arising from such sales; & that the Treasurer be directed to appropriate the said monies to the purpose of paying such orders as have been or may be given the Board of War for procuring cloathing for the army.

Vote to grant the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Goffstown—concurred: to wit,

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(1) The letter of Gen. Washington has not been found.—ED.

[From Journal of the House, Mar. 28, 1781.]

Upon reading and considering the petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Goffstown, praying that the Presbyterian & Congregationalist parties in s^d town, may be severally vested with Parish priviledges, Voted, that the prayer of s^d Petition be granted & that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Voted, That a Precept be issued to the Selectmen of Hollis directing them to call a meeting for the purpose of electing a proper person to represent the s^d Town in the General Assembly for the current year, in the room of the Hon^bl John Hale Esq^r lately appointed a member of the Hon^bl Council.

Voted, That a Convention of Delegates from the several Towns & places in this State be called in order to settle a Plan of Government for s^d State, & that said Convention be held at Concord in the State aforesaid on the first Tuesday of June next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Voted, That Mr. Batcheldor, Mr. Foster & Col^o Mooney, with such of the Hon^bl Board as they shall join, be a Committee to draught the form of Precept to be sent to the several Towns & places in this State for calling a Convention to settle a plan of Government for s^d State, & lay the same before this house—Concurred, and Mr. Clagett & Mr. Gilman joined.

Friday, March 30^th, 1781.

Vote for giving leave to one Robert White to pay to Nahum Baldwin a trustee of the Estate of Zacheus Cutler, Esq^r a sum of money due to said Estate in paper bills at the Exchange of 75 for 1.

Vote that the towns & places which have or shall pay their six months & three months men, shall have the same deducted out of the Taxes for the current year.

Vote That no reduction be made from the wages or bounty of the six months men on account of their cloathing themselves.

[P. 232.] Vote appointing John T. Gilman a Delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Vote appointing John Wentworth, Esq^r a Delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Vote for a Committee to consider of Taxes laid on lands belonging to Dartmouth College.

Vote appointing sundry field officers in the military of this State: to wit:

That Noah Lovewell Esq. of Dunstable be appointed first Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in this State lately commanded by Brig^r Gen^l Nichols; that Samuel Chase Esq^r of Litchfield be Lieut. Colonel; Abiel Abbot Esq. of Wilton first Major & Capt. James Ford of Nottingham West, second Major of s^d Regiment; that Capt. Daniel Rand of Rindge be second Major of Col^o Enoch Hale's Regiment; that John Bell, Esq^r of Londonderry be first Colonel of the Regiment lately commanded by Col° William Gregg; that Daniel Reynolds Esqr of sd Londonderry be Lieut. Colonel, Daniel Colburn Esqr of Pelham first Major & Capt. James Gilmore of Wyndham second Major of sd Regiment.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on filling up vacancies of officers in the army: viz.

That they find there are two Lieutenants and eleven Ensigns now wanting to compleat the New Hampshire Line, and recommend that six Ensigns only be for the present appointed, & that General Stark receive six blank certificates, three of which to be filled up by him with the names of such Persons as he, together with the Field officers now at home on Furlough shall think proper, and the other three with the names of such persons as shall be agreed on by the major part of the Field officers of the New Hampshire line at Camp.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on Soldiers being liable to be confined for Debt, viz.

That no Continental soldier belonging to the New Hampshire Battalions shall be stopped or be liable to be stopped from joining the army, when called for by his officers, nor liable to be imprisoned while on Furlough, for any Debt he hath contracted or may contract while a Continental soldier, but that their property be liable to be attached for the security & payment of Debts, equal with other persons, excepting their necessary cloathing.

[P. 233.] Saturday, March 31st 1781.

Vote appointing 2 Field officers in Col° Richardson's Regiment of Militia: viz. [That David Page Esqr of Conway be appointed Lieut. Colonel of the 19th Regiment & Mr. Jonathan Palmer of Wakefield, first Major of said Regiment.]

Vote receiving the report of the Committee on settling bounties tò soldiers for 3 years & during the war, & supplies to soldiers Families among the several Towns in the State to wit:

That the Committee on claims make out the accounts from the several Towns for Bounties & Supplies for the soldier's families which have engaged for three years or during the war, that have been paid or supplied before the first day of January 1781, in the recess of the Court, by the same Rule that they have or shall settle the Depreciation with said soldiers, & that a Tax be laid on the several Towns & places in this State for to pay or discount what shall be due to them for bounties paid or families supplyed, as soon as said accounts are made out as above.

Tuesday, April 3d 1781.

[P. 234.] Act to Incorporate an Academy in the Town of Exeter by the name of the Phillips Exeter Academy—having been read three times, & voted that the same be Enacted.

Vote That the President be desired to call on Judges of Probate, requiring them to order the several Trustees of confiscated Estates to pay into the Treasury what sums of money they have on hand & that they be directed to make returns of their proceedings agreeably to an Act of this State, on the first week of their next Session.

Wednesday, April 4th 1781.

[P. 236.] An Act to enable Robert Smith, Trustee of the confiscated estate of Stephen Holland, late of Londonderry, an absentee from this State, to commence & prosecute an action in his own name in his said capacity, against William Stinson & John Clark, on a certain Bond—Enacted.

An Act to incorporate a tract of land heretofore known by the name of Saville, in the County of Cheshire, [by the name of Wendall.]

Thursday, April 5th, 1781.

[P. 237.] Vote for confiscating the Estates of absentees & Inhabitants of Great Britain lying within this State.

[From Journal of the House, April 4th, 1781.]

The Committee to consider of what is necessary to be done concerning such Estates of absentees lying within this State as have not been confiscated, also what is necessary to be done concerning any of the Estates of the subjects of Great Britain within this State, reported as their opinion, That all the Estates laying within this State, belonging to absentees from this State or any of the United States, & also such Estates as belong to any of the subjects of Great Britain, be immediately confiscated & sold for the use & benefit of this State.

Signd, J. Bartlett, for Comtee.

Which report being read and considered Voted That it be received & accepted.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on Taxes laid on land belonging to Dartmouth College: viz.

That the Resolve of the 10th of November last [exempting the lands belonging to the college from taxation] should be repealed; and as the Lands therein mentioned were ordered not to be inventorried in the present proportion of Taxes, that the same should not be taxed during the said proportion.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on making defence on the Western frontiers, viz:

That two companies be raised to consist of Sixty-five men each including officers; to be officered with one Captain & two Lieutenants to each Company, and that they be appointed and raised out of Colonel Ellis's, the Regiment of the late Colonel Bellows, Colonel Chase's, Colonel Morey's and Colonel David Webster's Regiments, and be mustered by the commanding officer of each respective Regiment; that the said Companies rendezvous at Haverhill by the first day of June next & be under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Johnston, to serve six months, unless sooner discharged;—said officers & men to receive the same wages that was allowed the officers and soldiers that served on that station last year, & customary rations; That the wages be paid by the respective Towns to which the officers & soldiers belong & the sum so paid be allowed to each town out of their Taxes for the present year.

Friday, April 6th, 1781.

RESOLVE for calling a Convention to meet at Concord on the first Tuesday of June next to form a system or Plan of Government.

[From Journal of the House, April 5th, 1781.]

Whereas the present situation of affairs in this State make it necessary that a full & free Representation of the Inhabitants thereof should meet in Convention for the sole purpose of forming & laying a permanent Plan or system of Government for the future happiness and well being of the good people of this State, and this house having received Instructions from a considerable part of their constituents for that purpose; Therefore

Voted & Resolved, That the honourable the President of the Council issue to every Town, Parish & District within that part of this State East of Connecticut River, a Precept recommending to them to elect and choose one or more persons as they shall judge it expedient, to convene at Concord in said State on the first Tuesday of June next for the purpose aforesaid—saving to the small Towns liberty to join two or more together if they see fit, to elect & send one person to represent them in said Convention.

And such system or form of Government as may be agreed upon by such Convention, being printed and sent to each and every town, Parish and District in this State for the approbation of the People:—which System or Form of Government being approved of by such number of the Inhabitants of this State in their respective town meetings legally called for that purpose, as shall be ordered by said Convention, and a return of such approbation being made to said Convention, and confirmed by them, shall remain as a permanent system or form of Government of this State, and not otherwise: And if the first proposed System or form of Government should be rejected by the People, that the Same Convention shall be empowered to proceed and make such amendments and alterations from time to time as may be necessary,—*Provided* always that after such alterations, the same be sent out for the approbation of the People in manner as aforesaid, & that the charge & expense of Such Convention be defrayed by their respective electors.

The Precept to be sent out for calling a Convention for forming a plan of Government, which passed the House this day was sent down from the Board with a proposal for the foregoing amendment, viz. "That the Precepts be sent to the Towns East of Connecticut river," when a vote on the Question was called for, which passed in the negative.

[From Journ. of the House, April 5th, 1781.]

On passing the above bill, the yeas and nays were required, which stand as follow:

Yeas.

Jn^{o} Taylor Gilman
Daniel Reynolds
Robert Wilson
Samuel Dudley
Mark Wiggin
Enoch Coffin
Robert Stuart
Nath^{l} Batchelder
Jn^{o} Calfe
Jn^{o} Dudley
Walter Robie
David Butler
John Whittier
Joshua Wingate
John Kielle
Jabez Dame

Yeas.

Simeon Dearborn
William Burns
Will^{m} Hunt
Ebenezer Webster
Ithamar Eaton
William Abbot
James Caldwell
Toppan Evans
Joseph Barrett
Richard Atwell
Levi Spaulding
Daniel Rand
Joseph Rounceval
Enoch Noyes
Moses Baker

Nays.

William Whipple
George Gains
Ephraim Robinson
Ebenezer Porter
Ephraim Pickering
Richard Brown
John Webster
Abiel Foster
Jn^{o} Smith
Hercules Mooney
Robert McGregore
Ephraim Adams
Josiah Richardson
Jeremiah Eames
Moses Dow.

Vote to advance General J. Stark one thousand Dollars new Emission to be accounted for.

An Act to authorize the Congress of the United States of America to levy a Duty not exceeding 5 per cent upon goods imported into and prizes condemned within this State, having been read three times;—and voted the same be enacted.

Vote for each officer at home on furlough to receive 25 Dollars new currency to be indorsed on the back of their first Depreciation note—concurred:

Order to Lieut Frost, for	50 Doll^{s}	Capt. Adna Pennyman	25 Do.
Do. to Capt. Cherry for	50 Doll^{s}	Lieut. Nathan Hoit for	25 Do.
B G Stark	80 Doll^{s}	Ens^{n} John Harvey for	25 Do
Lieut Arch^{d} Stark,	25 Doll^{s}	Ensign Moses Page, for	25 Do
Capt. Caleb Robinson,	25 Doll^{s}	Capt. Enoch Chase	£7:10*s*.
Maj^{r} Jason Wait—	25 Doll^{s}	Lieut. Joshua Merrow	£7:10*s*.

Saturday, April 7th, 1781.

Vote for the Board of War to be directed to furnish a waggon to carry to Concord in the State of Massachusetts, the provision for the Recruits now about marching.

[P. 238.] Vote for the Board of war to deliver Col^{o} Dearborn 10 fire arms.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to rent out farms of absentees, &c.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to apportion the officers & men to be raised to defend the Western Frontiers.

Vote ascertaining the pay of the members of the Court, their officers &c. and Committee of Safety, [the same as the last session.]

Adjourned till the 2d Wednesday in June next.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Secy.

Letter from Robert Smith, respecting the sale of Col. Stephen Holland's land.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 46.]

Londonderry, 16th April, 1781.

Sr—By this I inform you that at a Vendue of wild lands late the property of Stephen Holland, Coll. George Reed, the bearour, was a purchaser to the amot of 46,500 Dollars. By Notes in his custody it apears that the State owes him the whole consideration money. I wish Not to be concerned in the settlement of such Notes But shall willingly comply with such orders as your Honr may Devise for my own safety, the Benefitt of Col. Reed & the Common welth. Whilst I am wh submission

Your very Huml Servt
ROBt SMITH.

Honbl M. Weare, Esqr.

[NOTE. The following appraisal of Col. Holland's landed estate is found in State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 269.—ED.]

State of New Hampshire
Rockingham, ss.

We the subscribers being requested to make a just and equitable appraisment of all the real Estate of Coll. Stephen Holland, late of Londonderry in said State & County, Esqr an absentee: Said Estate laying and being in this State & also in the Common-wealth of Massachusetts Bay;—the same having been confiscated by an Act of this State passed Novr 26, 1778, on account of said Holland's going over to & joining with the British Troops:

Having before us the several Deeds of Conveyance from sundry persons to the said Coll. Stephen Holland, An Inventory of the same is as follows:

Imprimis—Four Farms & Buildings thereon in Londonderry aforesaid, containing about 4 hundred Acres, including 2 pieces of meadow—also one pew in the Meeting-house	£3040
Item—Fifty Acres of land in Dunbarton together with the undivided land	60
Item—Two Rights in New Chester containing four hundred acres each	480

Item—Three Rights in Thornton, exclusive of one hundred acre lot & one meadow lot	£600
Item—Three thousand acres adjoining the east line of said Thornton	1800
Item—One thousand acres in Tamworth Pik'd land	600
Item—One Right in the town of Dartmouth	120
Item—One eighth part & one third of an eighth part of Odihorne's Right in Mason's Patent, containing about 6000 acres	3600
Item—Two Rights in No. 3 on Penobscot River	480
Sum total in Law^l money at 6*s* pr Dollar	£10,780
The sum in Sterling	£8085

James Betton
James Underwood.

Dated, Nov^r 15th 1783.

Sworn before Wyseman Clagett, Justice of the Peace, Nov. 15, 1783

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire at their third session begun & holden at Exeter, on the second Wednesday of June, being the thirteenth day of said month, in the fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, 1781.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1780–1781, Copied from a MS. list in the Secretary's office, labeled "Members &c."

[☞ See First Session, Dec^{r} 20th 1780, p. 881.—ED.]

Towns & Places.	*Names.*	*Days attendance.*
Portsmonth,	John Langdon, Esq. Speaker,	16
"	William Whipple, Esq,	16
"	George Gains, Esq.	17
Exeter	Mr John Taylor Gilman	10
"	Mr. Ephraim Robinson	18
Londonderry	John Bell, Esq^{r}	12
"	Daniel Reynolds, Esq^{r}	14
Chester	Robert Wilson, Esq^{r}	11
"	Jacob Chase, Esq^{r}	14
Hampton Falls &c.	—— ——	
Brintwood	Samuel Dudley Esq.	18
Stratham	Mark Wiggin Esq.	13
Northampton	Capt. Moses Leavitt,	17
Kensington	Ebenezer Potter Esq^{r}	18
New Market	—— ——	
Epping	Enoch Coffin, Esq.	18
Hampton	Josiah Moulton Esq^{r}	17
Southampton &c.	Capt. Robert Stewart	17
Kingston & E. Kingston,	Nath^{l} Batchelor Esq^{r}	18
Greenland	William Weeks Esq^{r}	17
Nottingham	Thomas Bartlett Esq^{r}	20
Hawke & Sandown	—— ——	
Newington	Ephr^{m} Pickering Esq.	21

Towns & Places.	*Names.*	*Days attendance.*
Rye	Mr. Richard Brown	20
Atkinson & Plastow	John Webster Esq^r	21
Hampstead	John Calfe Esq^r	19
Raymond & Poplin	John Dudley Esq.	22
New Castle	Capt. John Blunt	—
Deerfield & Northwood,	Simon Marston Esq.	18
Salem	Timothy Ladd, Esq.	21
Candia	Walter Robie Esq.	—
Epsom, Chichester &c.	——— ———	
Pelham	Mr. David Butler	16
Wyndham	James Bellows, Esq^r	14
Pembroke	John Whittier Esq.	22
Concord	Jon^a Hale Esq^r	—
Canterbury & Loudon	Abiel Foster Esq	21
Bow & Dunbarton	Jeremiah Page Esq^r	11
Durham	John Smith Esq^r	23
Lee	Hercules Mooney Esq.	17
Madbury	Mr. James Davis	9
Dover	Joshua Wingate Esq^r	21
"	Mr. John Kielle	21
Summersworth	John Wentworth Esq^r	7
Rochester	Mr. Jabez Dame	15
Barrington	Mr. George Seward	20
Wakefield &c. &c.	Simeon Dearborn Esq.	9
Gilmanton	Capt. John Drew	—
Meredith & Sanborntown	Ebenezer Smith Esq^r	16
Wolfeborough, &c. &c.	——— ———	
Sandwich &c. &c.	David Folsom, Esq^r	13
Conway &c. &c.	David Page Esq^r	17
Goffstown	Robert McGregore Esq.	6
Merrimac	Capt. Samuel Patten	—
Nottingham West, &c.	Mr. William Burns	17
Dunstable	Mr. Willian Hunt	13
Hollis	——— ———	
Amherst	Nahum Baldwin Esq^r	22
"	Mr. Samuel Wilkins	18
Hopkinton	Mr. Moses Hills	12
Salisbury & Boscawen	Capt. Eben^r Webster	15
Weare	Mr. Thomas Eaton	16
Wilton &c.	Mr. William Abbot, jun.	21
New Boston	Mr. James Caldwell	8
Andover, Warner &c	Mr. Toppan Evans	13
Mason & Raby	Capt. Joseph Barrett	20
New Ipswich	Mr. Ephraim Adams	22
Temple & Peterboro'	Francis Blood, Esq^r	9
Dublin, Marlboro' &c.	Mr. Richard Atwell	—
Lyndeborough	Capt. Levi Spaulding	17
Litchfield &c	Samuel Chase, Esq	7
Hillsborough	Capt. Robert Allcock	15
Rindge, Jaffrey &c	Capt. Daniel Rand	5
Keen	Capt. Josiah Richardson	21

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Towns & Places.	*Names.*	*Days attendance.*
Packersfield	Joseph Rounseval Esq.	15
Swanzey & Fitz William	Mr. Thom^{s} Hammond	20
Hinsdale &c	——— ———	
Westmoreland	Capt. Epr^{m} Stone	15
Winchester	Capt. Nehemiah Houghton	12
Plymouth	Mr. Enoch Noyes	16
N. Holderness, &c. &c.	Moses Baker Esq^{r}	16
Lancaster, &c. &c.	Capt. Jere. Eames	21
Haverhill	Moses Dow Esq^{r}	—

[No other towns represented.—ED.]

Copied from Records of Council.

[P. 239.] Wednesday, June 13, 1781.

Six members only attended—[no quorum, till]

Monday, June 18th 1781.

Vote for both houses to join in Committee.

Tuesday, June 19th 1781.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to nominate three persons, one of whom to be appointed a delegate to attend a Convention of Delegates from the New England States at Providence—Concurred & Mr. McClary joined [with Mr. Foster, Col. Baldwin & Mr. Gains of the house.]

[P. 240.] Vote appointing General Folsom a Delegate to meet Delegates from the other New England States at Providence—" to agree upon some regular method of sending on supplies of Beef &c. to the army."

Vote appointing Ensign Caleb Blodgett & Neil McGaffee, Lieuts. in the 3^{d} New Hampshire Reg^{ts}.

[P. 241.] Vote appointing Asa Senter a Capt. in the first New Hampshire Regiment.

Vote for John T. Gilman to have out of the Treasury £300 of the New Emission, to pay wounded officers & soldiers.

Vote appointing Col^{o} Joseph Cilley a Commissioner to join Delegates from the New England States at Providence in the room of Gen^{l} Folsom who declines the service.

Wednesday, June 20th, 1781.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee consisting of both houses relative to sundry matters: viz.

That a Committee be appointed from the separate Branches to consider of and draw up the true State known by the name of the New Hampshire Grants, in order that the same may be laid before Congress as speedily as may be: Also that the People on the said Grants who adhere to this State be assured that they may depend on being firmly supported and protected :(1) Also, That a Commissioner be appointed for this State, to repair to Providence in the State of Rhode Island, on the 25th of June instant to meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by the other New England States to agree upon some regular method of sending on supplies of Beef &c. to the army, during the present year.

Thursday, June 21st, 1781.

[P. 242.] Vote appointing Jno T. Gilman a Delegate to meet Delegates from the other New England States at Providence &c. in the room of Col. Joseph Cilley who declines.

[P. 243.] Vote appointing Colo Samuel Hunt to receive & send forward the Beef collected by Francis Blood, Esqr for the army: [£300 advanced to him.]

Friday, June 22d, 1781.

[P. 245.] Vote making an addition of 250 Militia [to 400] to be raised to join Genl Washington.

Saturday, June 23d, 1781.

Vote fixing the 18th of July next for the time the Constables shall stop taking the old currency.

[P. 246.] Monday, June 25th, 1781.

Vote appointing David Gilman, Esqr a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford.

[P. 248.] Tuesday, June 26th, 1781.

Vote for accepting the report of the Committee for apportioning the 650 men to be raised to join the army, among the several Regts of militia, &c.—[to wit.]

Col. Wentworths Regt	60	Col. Kelly's	55
Col. Evans	74	Col. Smith's	29
Col. Moulton's	35	Col. Richardson's	21
Col. Gilman's	48	Col. Stickney's	70
Col. John Webster's	30	Col. McClary's	31
Col. Bell's	28	Col. Hale's	54
Col. Gale's	48	Col. Ellis's	4
Col. Nichols's	63		
			264
	386		386
		Total=	650

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(1) See Papers on the "Vermont Controversy," in Secretary's office.—Ed.

That the foregoing men be formed into one Regiment, to be officered with one Lieutenant Colonel Commandant & two Majors; that the said Regiment consist of eight companies, each Company to be officered with one Captain and two Lieutenants.

Signed, Nicholas Gilman, for the Comtee.

Wednesday, June 27th, 1781.

[P. 249.] Vote for appointing a Post to ride to the Western parts of the State: " from Portsmouth to Haverhill by the way of Concord and Plymouth, thence down the River to Charlestown, Keen & to Portsmouth again."

Vote for those Towns who have paid or shall pay their six & three months men who served last Campaign, upon their producing receipts therefor, to have the same discounted out of the Taxes.

Thursday, June 28, 1781.

[P. 251.] Vote appointing the field officers to command the Militia who are to be raised to join the Continental army: [to wit.]

That Lieut. Colonel Daniel Reynolds be and he hereby is appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia now to be raised in this State; that Major Benjamin Barker be first Major and Major James Ford be second Major of said Regiment; that the other officers be apportioned to the several Regiments, as follows, viz. in Col. Evans Regiment one Captain & two Lieutenants; in Col. Stickney's, one Captain & two Lieutenants; in Col. Lovewell's one Captain & one Lieutenant; in Col. Wentworth's one Captain and one Lieutenant; in Col. Kelly's one Captain, in Col. Hale's one Captain; in Col. Gale's one Captain, in Col. Gilman's one Captain, in Col. John Webster's two Lieutenants, in Col. McClary's two Lieutenants, in Col. Bell's one Lieutenant, in Col. Richardson's one Lieutenant & in Col. Moulton's two Lieutenants.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee of both houses relative to making up judgments on Contracts for specie, &c. [to wit:]

That the Law of this State, making the Old Continental currency a tender in payment of Debts, be repealed; That all securities given since the commencement of the present war, or that shall hereafter be given expressly for specie, shall be paid according to engagement, and that judgment be made up in the several Courts and Executions issue for specie accordingly.

Friday, June 29th, 1781.

Vote desiring the President to order the Flag to depart as soon as may be; also that Capt. Dearing be directed to confine Capt. Nainby in irons till said vessel is ready to sail.

Vote to accept the report of a Committee on one Josiah

Durgin's being forcibly taken out of the hands of a Continental officer: That the Com^{tee} of Safety issue process for apprehending said Durgin & all the males concerned in rescuing said Durgin & convene them before said Com^{tee} to be dealt with as they shall think best for the public good.

[P. 253.] Resolve empowering Moses Baker Esq^{r} to hold a Town meeting in Thornton to choose necessary Town officers.

[P. 254.] Vote appointing several Civil officers in the State: [to wit.]

That Mr. Timothy Medar of Tamworth & Mr. Ebenezer Burbank of Conway be and hereby are appointed Coroners for the County of Strafford: That Mr. Thomas Baker of Keen be a justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire; that Messrs. Samuel Marsh of Nottingham West, Daniel Campbell of Amherst, & Isaac Appleton of New Ipswich, be Coroners for the County of Hillsborough, & that Lieutenant Joseph Gregg of Londonderry be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Vote appointing Maj^{r} Simon Marston to be Major of the Reg^{t} of Militia to be raised, &c.

Saturday, June 30th, 1781.

An Act to ascertain the time for the Old Continental Bills now current in this State to be received into the Treasury for Taxes, having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.(1)

[P. 255.] Vote for the President to give orders to the several Col^{s} of Militia who were to raise men for the defence of the Western Frontiers to send forward the same without delay.

Tuesday, July 3^{d}, 1781.

[P. 256.] Vote, That this State will comply on their part with the Resolves of the Commissioners from the several New England States at Providence.(2)

[P. 257.] Vote ascertaining the pay of the members of the General Court & for adjourning to meet at Concord on the 2^{d} Wednesday in September next. Bro't up, read & concurred, with this alteration, That the Court meet at Exeter instead of Concord—which was concurred.

The members of the Council & House of Representatives to be paid for their attendance during this Session, eighteen shillings in the new emission per day & one shilling like money per mile for travel from &

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(1) See said Act on record in Secretary's office.—ED.

(2) The said Resolves are not found on file or record, in New Hampshire archives. —ED.

to their homes in the following manner, viz. Those that live nine miles & upwards from Court to be paid for Sundays & for but one travel; & those that live under nine miles from Court to be paid for travel from every adjournment from Saturday to Monday; that the Secretary have twenty-seven shillings per day and allowance per day as a member; that the Deputy Secretary have twenty-two shillings & six pence per day; that the Clerk of the House have nine shillings per day and the assistant clerk four shillings & six pence per day over and above their wages as members; that each member of the Committee of Safety have twenty one shillings like money per day for their attendance in the recess of the General Assembly, and travel as aforesaid, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the respective Rolls accordingly and certify the same to the Treasurer, and that the Clerk of the House be made up one day extraordinary for making out the Roll.

[From the Journal of the House, July 3d, 1781.]

The Committee to form a Scale or Table of depreciation for this State reported as their opinion that all contracts previous to the last day of January, 1777, shall be considered as silver & gold, & all contracts for paper money from the last day of January 1777 to the last day of June 1781, to be computed in the following manner:

	Continental Paper.		
February, 1777,	£104	equal to	£100 Silver.
March "	106	do	do
April "	110	do	do
May "	114	do	do
June "	120	do	do
July "	125	do	do
August "	150	do	do
September "	175	do	do
October "	275	do	do
November "	300	do	do
December "	310	do	do
1778.			
January	325	do	do
February	350	do	do
March	375	do	do
April	400	do	do
May	400	do	do
June	400	do	do
July	425	do	do
August	450	do	do
September	475	do	do
October	500	do	do
November	545	do	do
December	634	do	do
1779.			
January "	742	do	do
February "	868	do	do
March "	1000	do	do
April "	1104	do	do
May "	1215	do	do

June	1879.	£1342	equal to	£100 Silver.
July	"	1477	do	do
August	"	1630	do	do
September	"	1800	do	do
October	"	2030	do	do
November	"	2308	do	do
December	"	2393	do	do
	1780.			
January	"	2934	do	do
February	"	3322	do	do
March	"	3736	do	do
April	"	4000	do	do
May	"	4800	do	do
June	"	5700	do	do
July	"	6000	do	do
August	"	6300	do	do
September	"	6500	do	do
October	"	6700	do	do
November	"	7000	do	do
December	"	7300	do	do
	1781			
January	"	7500	do	do
February	"	7500	do	do
March	"	7500	do	do
April	"	7500	do	do
May	"	7500	do	do
June	"	7500	do	do.

Which Report being read & considered, Voted That the same be received and accepted.

Wednesday, July 4th 1781.

[P. 258.] Vote to accept the report of the Com^{tee} in making provision for the support of our delegates at Congress—: [to wit.]

That the President should accept the Draught of the Hon^{bl} Samuel Livermore Esq^{r} to the amount of £100 in silver lawful money including the sum he has already drawn for, and that the Treasurer procure the same either by purchasing with paper Bills of the new emission *or by* borrowing, and that the President be desired not to acccept any more draughts from either of our delegates at Congress for the future, without two months notice being first given, and to inform them *thereof*, and desire them to be very frugal in their expenses as it is next to an impossibility to raise silver money, and that they do not go to the expense of any more than one servant each, as the expense for their own persons, one servant each & their horses, will be the whole that will be allowed them, except their wages, which will be settled hereafter by the General Court.

An Act repealing the Laws making paper money a tender read three times & voted that the same be enacted.

[P. 260.] Vote to accept the Report of a Com^{tee} that the

Com^tee^ of Safety procure Rum & that they be allowed to receive from any Towns in this State, Rum, in lieu of the Beef apportioned to them.

Vote to adjourn & meet again on the Second Wednesday of September next at three oclock, P. M.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Sec^y^.

Letter from Lt. Bezaleel Howe.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 48.]

HONOUR'D SIR—

I am happy to informe you that the Late Resolution of the Honorable Cort semes to give New Sperits to the People in this Quarter—that they seme Determined to fill up the Continental Army for which Men are dayly Mustering But Chiefly for six months as Gen^l^ Nichols is uncertain whether the six months Men will Draw Rations here would Beg to be assured of the Matter But if no order arive I shall isue Rations to them the 15^th^ Instant & on to cary them to Springfield.

I almost Blush to informe you of the little worth of paper Money here—the new Emission Passes curent with them that have got it, But that's Not me and a Man that is mutch Deprescated must Beg of your Honours Influence in the Committy of Safety to send me one hundred Dollars for which I will account for when ever could upon ashureing your Honour that I make use of all the economy that I am Master of to live to prevent Making expence to the State.

*Ex*cept My wishes for your health.

And Belive Me to Be with evry sentiment
of Esteem your Honours Most
obedient & Hum^bl^ servant

BEZ^l^ HOWE.

Amherst, 10^th^ of July
1781.
The Honorable Meshech Weare Pres^t^ State N. H.

Letter from Capt. Ebenezer Webster relative to procuring recruits for the army.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 50.]

Boscawen, July 19^th^, 1781.

SR—Whereas I was appointed by a late Act of the General Court to call on the Towns in Col. Stickney's Regiment, to get their proportions of men for three years or six months, and have proceded and started off about twenty; but can proceed no further till I can be inform'd by the Committee on Claims of the Number of men that were in the service previous to raising the aforesaid men in the following Towns, viz. Pembrook, Bow, Concord, Hopkinton, Henica, Hillsborough, Warner, Boscawen, Salisbury, Andover, Canterbury, Louden, Northfield: The foregoing Towns say they have procur'd their men; but I find there are double Returns, and therefore conclude there is some Deficiency; and as the Comm. on Claims are appointed by the Gen^{l} Court to adjust different Claims concerning particular men, I desire to be serv'd with a copy of the old Troops belonging to the aforesaid Towns, so that I may compare that with the new Levies, as I would not have a Man wanting in this Regiment.

From your humble Servant,

EBEN^{r} WEBSTER.

To the Hon^{bl} President of the Comm. of Safety.

P. S. Please to favour me with a Return by Lt. Jackman the bearer.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at their fourth Session (being a Special Session) begun & holden at Exeter on Wednesday the 22^d^ day of August, in the sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini 1781.

[Members of the House present the same as at the session in June, except Jona. Hale from Concord, who was absent.]

[*Copied from Records of Council.*]

[P. 260.] Wednesday, August 22^{d}, 1781.

Agreeable to Powers lodged with the Committee of Safety to call the General Court together, in consequence of their summons, six members attended.

Thursday, Aug^{t} 23^{d}, 1781,—a Quorum met.

Vote for both houses to join in Committee—" to consider how the supplies shall be forwarded to the army, and of any other matters that it may be thought necessary to take under consideration.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the propriety of sending a Flagg to Halifax, and another to Newfoundland for the exchange of Prisoners —concurred Mr. Gilman & Mr. McClary joined [with Capt. Blunt, Mr. Gilman & Col. Bartlett of the House.]

[P. 261.] Friday, August 24th, 1781.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the propriety of sending a Flagg to Newfoundland &c.—viz.

That Mr. Woodward Commissary of prisoners have liberty to fix one small vessel for Halifax and one for Newfoundland, and that said vessels be commissioned as Flags of truce and take on board all the prisoners now in this State, and that they bring all the prisoners they can procure at each place belonging to this or any other of the United States.

[P. 262.] Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Mark H. Wentworth, Esq. for his grandson (John Wentworth) to go off in a Flag, "for Newfoundland in order that he may go to his parents in England."

Saturday, August 25th.

Vote to accept the report of the Comtee on filling up our Quota of the Continental army,—to wit:

That the officers appointed to raise said men be directed immediately to proceed and hire the men wanting in their respective Regiments agreeable to an Act for that purpose passed the 26th of June, 1781, and that they be hereby authorized to engage said men specie or the produce of the country; and where there any double returns unsettled between any two or more Towns & such Town or Towns do not immediately endeavor to have the disputes relative to such double returns adjusted, the said officers be impowered to hire one man for each of said Towns, unless any of said Towns shall appear to have their full compliment exclusive of said disputed men; and if any town or towns have made no return of the men they have engaged or do not immediately make such return & produce to the officer appointed in the respective Regiments a Certificate from the Committee on claims ascertaining the number of men belonging to said Town or Towns, that then the said officers be directed to proceed to hire the full complement apportioned to such delinquent Town or Towns in the last apportionment for filling up the Continental Battalions, & the Towns so delinquent shall be liable to the Cost & Fines mentioned in the acts above referred to.

Vote to raise men for the defence of the Northern frontiers; & to desire the Town of Conway to furnish supplies for the men raised for the defence of the Northern frontiers.

Vote authorizing the Deputy Quarter Master to sell *Cattle* to defray the expense of driving Cattle to the army.

Wednesday, August 29th, 1781.

[P. 264.] Vote appointing Timothy Walker, Esq. a Special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Vote appointing George Atkinson Esqr a Special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Thursday, August 30th 1781.

Vote for Precepts to issue for a new Council & Assembly, [in the usual form.]

[P. 265.] Vote appointing a Committee in the several *Towns* to receive votes for Councillors, [to wit.]

Col. Joshua Wentworth
Joseph Gilman Esq.
Abiel Foster Esq.
} for the County of Rockingham

Col. Joshua Wingate
James Knowles, Esqr &
Brig. Genl Joseph Badger } for the County of Strafford.

Col. Nahum Baldwin
Capt. Ebenezer Webster &
Francis Blood, Esq. } for the County of Hillsborough.

Col. Enoch Hale
Thomas Sparhawk, Esq. &
Col. Samuel Ashley } for the County of Cheshire.

Mr. Enoch Noyes
Moses Dow, Esq. &
Enoch Page, Esq. } for the County of Grafton.

Friday, August 31st 1781.

An Act for raising a Tax "of one hundred thousand Dollars in bills of the new emission," read three times & Voted That the same be enacted.

An act for supplying the Continental army with 10,000 Gallons of Rum—enacted.

Saturday, September 1st 1781.

Vote desiring the President to write to Congress setting forth our distress for want of money & solicit some from thence.

[P. 266.] An Act for making Gold & Silver a Tender for all Debts and for settling depreciation of the paper Currency & for the future regulation of the Courts of Justice—enacted.

[On this Bill the yeas and nays were called.]

Yeas.
John Langdon Esq.
Wm. Whipple
George Gains
Ephr. Robinson
Rob't Wilson
Jacob Chase
Eb'r Potter
Josiah Moulton
Robert Stuart
Wm. Weeks
Eph'm Pickering
Jno. Calfe
Jno. Whittier
Abiel Foster
Jno. Smith
Joshua Wingate
Jno. Kielle
Simeon Dearborn
Rob't McGregore
Sam'l Wilkins
Thomas Eaton
Sam'l Chase.
22.

Nays.
Jno. Taylor Gilman
Sam'l Dudley
Moses Leavitt
Enoch Coffin
Nath'l Batchelder
Tho's Bartlett
Richard Brown
John Webster
Jno. Dudley
David Butler
Hercules Mooney
George Seaward
William Burns
William Hunt
Nahum Baldwin
Eben'r Webster
William Abbot, jun
Joseph Barrett
Eph'm Adams
Francis Blood
Joseph Rounceval.
21.

Vote for the Trustees to the Confiscated Estates not to receive paper money for Debts due to them on sale of such Estates.

Vote for the Com^{tee} of Safety to march the three months men if called for in recess of Court.

[P. 267.] Vote adjourning the Court to the first Wednesday of November next.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at their fifth Session, begun and holden at Exeter on Wednesday the 7th day of November in the sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, 1781.

[Members of the House the same as before.]

[*Copied from Records of Council.*]

[P. 267.] Wednesday, November 7th 1781.

Two of the Board only attended, [adjourned from time to time, till]

Wednesday, November 14th.

A Quorum being met: Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the propriety of Capt. Saml Gilman proceeding to sell the residue of the late Governor's Estate &c. Concurred.

Vote to take no notice of sundry papers recd this day from Vermont.

[P. 269.] Vote to receive the report of the Comtee on Col. Gilman's selling the Lands of the late Governor Wentworth: "That the said Capt. Gilman sell no more of said Estate until the further order of the General Court."

Friday, November 16th 1781.

[P. 271.] Vote for Francis Blood Esqr Collector of Beef to have liberty to sell Beef Cattle to the amount of £40 in specie.

[P. 272.] Vote for printing the Proclamation for a Thanksgiving on the 13th of Decemr next received from Congress, &c.

Vote for both Houses to meet in Committee as soon as possible.

Saturday, Nov^{r} 17th 1781.

[P. 273.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the state of Batteries at Piscataqua harbour; [to wit.]

That the Matross Company now stationed there be reduced to the number of twenty five men, including officers, and that orders be given to Capt Ebenezer Dearing accordingly.

Vote appointing a number of Civil Officers in the State: [to wit.]

That Moses Dow Esq. of Haverhill be & hereby is appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton; that Michael Cressey & William Lee of Chesterfield be Justices of the Peace for the County of Cheshire, Simeon Cummings of Merrimack a justice of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough; That Josiah Flagg of Chester be a Coroner for the County of Rockingham; That James Bracket of Lee be a Coroner for the County of Strafford, & Robert Darrah of Litchfield a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

[P. 274.] Wednesday, November 21st, 1781.

Vote appointing Wyseman Clagett, Esq. Solicitor General.

[P. 275.] Vote for citing Col^{o} David Webster to appear before the General Court on the 2^{d} Thursday of next Session to answer the Remonstrance of the Committee of Plymouth against him.

Resolve requiring the Towns to bring into the Committee on claims, accounts of all supplies to soldiers families.

[P. 277.] Vote appointing a number of Civil officers: [to wit.]

That Capt. Jeremiah Eames of Northumberland be & hereby is appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton; That Charles Johnston, Moses Dow & Samuel Emerson be Commissioners to swear Civil officers in said County; That James Blake of said Northumberland be a Coroner for said County; That Capt. Nathaniel Ambrose of Moultonborough be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Strafford, & Capt. John Blunt of New Castle, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham, &

Voted, That the Hon^{bl} Col. Charles Johnston, Esq. of Haverhill be & hereby is appointed Judge of the Probate of Wills for the County of Grafton in the room & stead of Israel Morey, Esq.

[P. 278.] Friday, November 23^{d}, 1781.

Vote to pay Capt. Ebenezer Webster his Roll amounting to £1530 : 7 : 9 new Emission, he giving usual security.

[P. 279.] Vote appointing Capt. Jonathan Cram of Hampton-falls, Major of the 3^{d} Regiment of Militia.

Vote appointing Moses Leavitt of North Hampton Lieut. Col. of the 3^{d} Regiment of Militia, & Joseph Clifford of Kensington 2^{d} Major of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} of Militia.

Saturday, Nov^{r} 24th, 1781.

[P. 281.] Resolve directing the sheriff of the County of Cheshire to release from confinement Nathaniel Bingham & John Grandy, jun.

Vote giving leave to Capt. Eliphalet Gidding to sell Beef Cattle he collects to the amount of £60 in specie, for which he is to account.

[P. 282.] Vote apportioning the cloathing wanting for our Battalions among the several Towns in this State, to be provided by s^{d} Towns.

Vote for a Precept to be issued to the Towns of Wentworth, Warren & Coventry for them to send a member to the General Court.

An Act to prevent inhabitants of Great Britain & others inimical to the United States of North America, from purchasing territory within this State, having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Vote for paying the President of this State £100; The Secretary of said State £60, order made out. The Treasurer of this State £100. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature £75, order made out to Col. Weare. Each of the puisne Judges of the Court afores^{d} £60: The Clerk of said Court 20£ in specie for their several services in their offices respectively for the current year, deducting therefrom according to the Scale of depreciation what paper money either of them may have received towards their said services, and that the same be paid when the State of the Treasury will admit of it.

Order granted for £20 to the Clerk, S. Hubbard, Esq^{r}.

[P. 283.] Vote desiring the President to write to Mr. Livermore as soon as may be on the Vermont affairs.

An Act for impowering the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire to release from Prison sundry of the good subjects of this State imprisoned by certain evil minded persons acting under the pretended authority of Vermont (so called), having been read three times & voted that the same be Enacted.

[P. 284.] An Act for preventing the subjects of his Britannic Majesty and all other persons inimical to the United States of North America from prosecuting actions, serving as Jurors or acting as Town officers within this State—having been read three times, Voted that the same be Enacted.

Vote to pay Gen^{l} Sullivan (agreeably to a resolve of Congress) twenty Dollars & $\frac{27}{90}$ of a Dollar: warn^{t} granted.

Vote appointing Joshua Wentworth, Esq. Colonel of the first Regiment of Militia in this State.

Vote appointing. Mark Wiggin, Esq^{r} Lieutenant Col^{o} of the first Regiment of Militia in this State.

Vote to request Capt. Samuel Gilman to give the Board of War an order on Messrs. Cabots for all the money due from them to the State.

Vote determining what pay the members of Council, their officers &c. shall receive for their wages & travel this session, viz. "six shillings in specie per day and three pence like money per mile travel to & from their homes," &c.

Vote for two precepts for Representatives to issue to the district of Stoddard, Washington, Packersfield & Gilsum, which heretofore have sent but one.

Vote to pay the Rev. Mr. Rogers & Mansfield each £3:12 for their attending & praying with the General Court for the year past.

Vote desiring the President to write to Congress respecting the case of Capt. Ebenezer Green who was left a hostage in Canada by Gen^{l} Arnold.

[P. 286.] Vote to adjourn the General Court without day.

Attest, . . E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire, at their first Session begun and holden at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December, being the nineteenth day of said month, in the Sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, 1781.

[For the names of members of the House, see the roll, at the second session, in March, 1782, on a subsequent page.—Ed.]

[From the Journal of the House.]

December 19th 1781. Twenty-five of the returned members appearing in the House, appointed John Dudley, Esq. Chairman, and adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

December 20th 1781.

A number more of the members being met, the Hon^{ble} President came into the House and administered the proper oaths to the members present.

3 o'clock, P. M.

[By ballot Chose Hon^{ble} John Langdon, Speaker; who being absent, chose John Dudley Esq^{r} Speaker pro tempore; Chose John Smith, Esq. Clerk and John Calfe Esq. Assistant Clerk of the House] Hon. Nicholas Gilman, Treasurer of the State.

Voted, That Col. Peabody, Col. Walker, Mr. Gilman, Capt. Gilman & Major Gaines be a Committee to prepare and lay before this House the necessary Rules to be observed for regulating and governing the same.

Rules of the House.

Voted to accept the following for the government of this State.

1. That the Speaker & thirty members constitute An House, and that no business be transacted by a less number except to adjourn.

2. That if the Speaker be absent the House may choose a Speaker pro tempore.

3. That the freedom of deliberation and speech, and debate in the House, be allowed to each member thereof; Yet if any member by misbehaviour in Speech or action in the House shall give just cause of offence to another, he shall for the first offence be fined at the discretion of the house, and for the second be admonished.

4. Every member when he would make a motion, speak to a matter in debate, or for any other purpose whatsoever, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Chair; but on being called to order by the Speaker or any other member, he shall be silent: Though if such silenced member shall think himself injured thereby, the Speaker shall take a vote of the house thereon,—to whose decision such member shall submit on pain of displeasure.

5. That the dignity of the chair may be preserved inviolate the Speaker shall leave it when speaking as a member, to make a motion, give his opinion on a matter in debate before the House, or for any other purpose.

6. That no member speak more than twice to a subject in debate, till each member if he pleases shall offer his opinion.

7. No motion shall be debated until the same is seconded.

8. When a motion is made and seconded, if desired by the Speaker, it shall be reduced to writing before any debate shall be allowed thereon.

9. While a question is before the House no motion shall be received, unless to amend or commit the same, or to postpone the consideration of the main question, or for having the yeas and nays entered on the Journal.

10. If a question in debate contains several parts, any member may have the same divided.

11. That on the request of any seven members the yeas & nays on any vote passed, shall be taken and entered on the Journal of the House, provided such request be made before any new business be entered upon, and any member may have his reasons of dissent from any vote entered on the Journal, provided his request therefor be signified before the next adjournment, after the passing any respective vote.

12. That no vote be valid unless passed by a majority of the members present.

13. That no vote passed in the House shall be reconsidered by a number inferior to that present when it was passed.

14. That if any member having entered the House on the business of the day, absent himself for more than half an hour at one time without leave, he shall be struck off the pay Roll for that day.

15. That if the major part of the House shall adjudge that any person returned as a member is not duly qualified, agreeable to the constitution, to take his seat therein, it shall be in the power of the House to dismiss such person, giving notice to the Town or District to which such person belongs to choose another in his stead.

16. That every member having been present at a debate, and the vote thereon being challenged, or the Yeas & Nays being called for, shall be obliged when called upon by the Speaker, to vote on one side or other of a question, unless special reasons be assigned to the contrary, the validity of which reasons shall be determined by the House.

17. That no member speaking by leave shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order or to correct a mistake.

18. That every bill offered to the House be read three times, and that there be two adjournments before it pass to be enacted.

19. That no bill be sent to the Council Board without notice thereof being first given to the House by the Speaker, and the title thereof being read.

20. That no member nominate more than one person for one Committee, provided the person by him nominated shall be chosen.

21. That no member be on more than two Committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one, and no member chosen on any Committee shall have liberty to nominate another person for the same Committee.

22. That no petition be received by the House but from a member thereof, and on motion made for that purpose.

23. Every morning the minutes of the preceding day shall be read in the House previous to their entering upon any new business.

24. That at the end of each session the Journal of the proceedings of the House, excepting only such parts thereof as immediately relate to the war & a Correspondence with Nations, and which in their nature ought to be kept secret, be printed for the use of the members & to be dispersed among the several Towns, parishes & Districts in this State.

25. That no persons except members of the General Court be permitted above the Bar of the House without permission of the Speaker or special invitation from some member of the House.

26. That no member shall be allowed wages for a days attendance previous to the day he shall be present in Court when they are sitting, without special order for that purpose.

Copied from Records of the Council.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Hon^bl^ Meshech Weare, Pres^t^
Josiah Bartlett
Nich^s^ Gilman
John McClary
Woodbury Langdon
George Frost
John Wentworth

Jacob Abbott
Timothy Farrar
Benjamin Bellows
Thomas Sparhawk
Francis Worcester
E. Thompson, Sec^y^.
Joseph Pierson, D. Sec.

[P. 287.] Friday, December 21^st^ 1781.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of what is necessary to be done respecting the liberating Col^o^ Enoch Hale & others from Charlestown Goal, & report thereon.

[P. 289.] Saturday, December 22^d^ 1781.

Resolve directing Maj^r^ General Folsom to put into immediate execution the late order of the Committee of Safety for liberating Col. Enoch Hale & others out of Charlestown Goal.(1)

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(1) See important papers relating to this matter in "Vermont Controversy," in Secretary's office.—ED.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.

The following is a copy of the Records of the Committee of Safety, of Dec. 4, 1781: "The Committee having met (being summoned by his Honour the President) took into consideration a Letter from Honᵇˡ Benjamin Bellows, Esqʳ relative to the imprisonment of the sheriff of the County of Cheshire, *by the pretended authority of Vermont.* Adjᵈ till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

"Decʳ 5ᵗʰ 1781. The Committee having resumed the further consideration of the above mentioned letter gave directions to the sheriff of the County of Cheshire, inclosing two Warrants. Gave orders to Brigʳ Gen. Moses Nichols, also to Brigʳ Gen. Benjᵃ Bellows, and gave directions to Francis Blood Esq. to supply the troops who are ordered to liberate Col. Enoch Hale, with provisions."

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to draught a Proclamation to be sent to the Inhabitants of the Counties of Cheshire and Grafton, and Report thereon—Concurred,—Messrs. McClary, Farrar, Gilman & Abbot joined [with Col. Walker, Mr. Dudley, Maj. Gains, Mr. White & Mr. Foster of the house.]

Tuesday, Decʳ 25, 1781.

[P. 290.] Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of Simon Baxter, & giving him leave to remove his family to St. John's in Nova Scotia.

Thursday, December 27ᵗʰ 1781.

[P. 291.] Vote to postpone the sending the orders to Col. Moses Keille for raising the Militia to liberate Colᵒ Hale.

Vote to receive the report of the Committee respecting William Page & ordering him to be committed: [to wit.]

The Committee to consider what is to be done respecting Mr. William Page, reported, that they have examined the said William Page and the evidence respecting his conduct, and it plainly appearing that he has accepted the office of Sheriff under the usurped authority of Vermont, & exercised the same for a considerable time within the County of Cheshire, and are of opinion that the said William Page should be committed to Goal at Exeter, on a mittimus from some Magistrate within the County of Rockingham, to take his tryal at the next Superior Court to be holden within said County of Rockingham.

[P. 292.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the motion for admitting Dr. Page to Bail.

Friday, December 28ᵗʰ, 1781.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the manner of the officers making up the pay rolls of three months men who served the present year; viz.

That the Rolls of the three months men be made up in specie; That the Field officers pay commence twenty days previous to their marching, the other Commissioned officers fifteen days, and the non-commissioned officers and privates ten days before they marched; That the rations due to the officers be reckoned at eight pence per ration, and the detained parts of rations be made up to the privates as usual.

Saturday, December 29th, 1781.

[P. 294.] Vote to abate one-third of the Tax of the town of New Castle for the years 1780 & 1781.

[P. 295.] Vote appointing the Honbl Samuel Livermore Esqr a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress untill the first day of Novr next, unless sooner relieved or recalled, with all powers &c. heretofore had and enjoyed.

Vote appointing the Honbl Woodbury Langdon Esqr a delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress, untill the first day of November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled with all powers &c. heretofore had and enjoyed.

Vote impowering the President of the Council for the time being, with one other member of Council, to administer the necessary oaths to the several Civil officers in this State, who apply for the same, to qualify them for their respective office.

Tuesday January 1st 1782.

[P. 296.] Vote for a Comtee to join a Committee of the Board to draught all such bills as are necessary to be passed this Session & lay the same before this house:—Concurred—Mr. Wentworth joined [with Col. Peabody, Mr. Dow & Mr. Foster of the House.]

[From the Journal of the House, Jany 1st, 1782.]

Whereas it has been suggested to this House that a number of the Precepts or recommendations issued by order of the late General Assembly to call a Convention for the purpose of forming a Plan of Government for the consideration of the good people of this State, by some means or other were not duly received by the districts to which they were addressed, by reason whereof a small part of the State only were represented in the Convention held in pursuance of the recommendation: Therefore,

Voted, That Capt. Gilman, Mr. White and Capt. Goldsmith, with such of the Honbl Board as they shall join, be a Committee to consider the foregoing suggestion and report thereon. Concurred—Mr. Langdon & Mr. Bartlett joined.

Thursday, Jany 3d, 1782.

[P. 300.] Vote That the pay Roll of a Scouting party employed by the Town of Conway, amounting to twenty pounds, fourteen shillings & eight pence in specie, and the account of the Selectmen of Conway for supplying said party, amounting to £17 : 12 : 10, like money, be allowed & paid out of the Treasury by order of the President, to Col° David Page, when the State of the Treasury will admit thereof.

Friday, 4th January 1782.

Vote to accept the Report of the Comtee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Protectworth;(1) also of the petition of Wadleigh Smith, that the Inhabitants of Protectworth have leave to bring in a Bill to oblige the proprietors of New London to repair the road thro' sd Town to Protectworth, & that the prayer of sd Inhabitants for a grant of land for Building a Grist-mill be not granted; also Report on the petition of Wadleigh Smith, that the State by an Act of the General Court granted seventeen lots of Land to sundry persons on certain conditions of settlement & that the said persons should be called on to see if they have complyed with the said conditions, & if they have forfeited sd grant, that Wadleigh Smith should receive one of them as a settler.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the Letters & Resolves of Congress received this day; also of a Letter from Captain Joseph Burt and Report thereon(2)—Concurred & Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Frost joined [with Col. Walker, Mr. Blood, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibson & Mr. Kingsbury of the house.]

[P. 301.] Vote to accept the Report of the Comtee to consider of the propriety of the Justices of Superior Court or Chief Justice admitting Wm. Page to bail:

That they cannot consider of the matters referred to them, without having the sd Page before them, with all papers relative to his commitment, together with an examination into various circumstances which they conceive to be without the line of their department; They further Report, That the said Page apply to the Superior Court for his liberation from Prison, before whom only the Committee conceive such matters to be cognizable.

[P. 303.] Vote to Accept the Report of a Committee to consider what is necessary to be done with two deserters now in Goal at Exeter:

That the Board of War be directed to furnish said soldiers with necessary cloathing, & as they are unwell, that they be delivered to some Doctor for the recovery of their health, and that as soon as they shall be able they be sent forward to join their respective corps.

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(1) Now called Springfield.—Ed.

(2) The letters &c. here referred to have not been found.—Ed.

Saturday 5th January, 1782.

An Act to authorize & impower John Parker of Portsmouth Esq^r to sell & convey certain lands in Wolfborough, late the Estate of George Meserve Esq^r an absentee, for the purposes therein mentioned, having been read three times Voted that the same be enacted.

Tuesday, January 8th, 1782.

[P. 305.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee of both houses for sending an armed force to support the Civil Officers in the County of Cheshire: [to wit.]

That an armed force be immediately raised and sent into the western part of this State for the defence and protection of the Inhabitants there, and to enable the civil officers to exercise their authority in that Quarter: That the said armed force consist of one thousand men including officers: That a proclamation be issued & forwarded to the several Towns & places in the western parts of this State setting forth the reasons for raising said armed force; and that Woodbury Langdon Esq. or some other Delegate be immediately sent on to Congress to make a true representation of our present proceedings.

[P. 306.] Wednesday, January 9th, 1782.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on allowing rations to officers & soldiers at home on furlow: [to wit.]

That they receive no rations, there being an express Resolution of Congress to the contrary;—but considering the necessities of the officers and soldiers, and the inability of the State to furnish them at present with money, the Committee are of opinion that each officer & soldier receive one month's pay in beef & rum in the following manner, viz. four-fifths part thereof in salted beef at three pence half-penny pr. pound, or fresh beef at three pence pr. pound, if the State shall have any on hand, & the other fifth part in West India rum at five shillings pr. gallon, or New England rum at three shillings & four pence pr. Gallon. The said salt beef and rum to be furnished from that collected the last year.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board, to consider of Liquedating public Securities, paying the Interest thereof & sundry other matters—Concurred, & Mr. Bartlett & Mr. Langdon joined [with Col^o Walker, Maj^r Gains, Mr. Gilman, Capt. Harriman & Col^o Peabody of the House.]

[P. 307.] Thursday, January 10th, 1782.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee in part on the propriety of Liquidating the public securities of this State: [to wit.]

That an Act be passed allowing each and every person who may have such securities to bring the same into the Treasury; that the Treasurer liquidate the same agreeably to the Scale of Depreciation: That notes which were given to officers & soldiers for Depreciation of wages be reckoned equal to hard money; That certificates be given for all the Interest which may be due, which Certificates shall be received by the Collectors and by the Treasurer in discharge of any State Taxes for the current year—Provided such certificate is given by the last day of July next, and that the Treasurer give new Notes for the Principal so liquidated to any person who may incline to receive the same—which Notes shall be for hard money and payable on demand; That when new Notes are given, Interest be computed to the last day of July next, at which time said new Notes shall bear date; That in case any person shall not choose to take out new Notes, the yearly Interest which shall hereafter arise on all Public Securities of this State, shall be discharged as soon as due if requested, and in case the state of the Treasury will not admit of the same being paid in specie, that Certificates be given therefor, which Certificates shall be received in Public Taxes, and the Interest so paid indorsed on said securities; That the Form of the new Notes & Certificates to be given be expressed in the act. Signed, J. Bartlett, for the Com^tee^.

Vote recommending it to the Convention for framing a Constitution of Government to postpone the final determination thereof to some future period, & in the mean time to issue precepts to the Towns & places not represented in said Convention to send Delegates thereto.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on proportioning the men to be sent to the western part of the State: [to wit.]

That the men already voted for that service, shall be raised by draught or otherwise out of the following Regiments, (viz.) Col° Wentworth's, Col° Evans', Col° Moulton's, Col° Gilman's, Col° Gale's, Col° McClary's, Col° Stickney's, Col° John Webster's, Col° Bell's, Col° Lovewell's, Col° Kelley's & Col° Enoch Hale's—to be apportioned by the Maj. Gen^l^ of the Militia according to the numbers in each Regiment, including the alarm list; That they be formed into two Regiments, each Regiment to be commanded by two Field officers (viz.) one Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major; that each Regiment consist of six companies, to be commanded by one captain, one Lieutenant, & one Ensign, & a suitable proportion of non-commissioned officers; That the whole be commanded by a General officer; That a suitable person be appointed to purchase or collect provisions for the supply of the Troops, & that those Towns in the westerly part of the [State] that shall supply any provisions, shall be allowed for the same out of their outstanding Taxes, or the Tax for the current year; That the pay and rations be the same as are allowed the officers & soldiers in the service of the United States. Signd—John McClary.

[P. 308.] Vote for raising men to guard the Western and Northern frontiers—Concurred—[to wit.]

That Col° Charles Johnston be impowered to raise twelve men as a scouting party; That the place of Randezvous be at Haverhill, and that he be desired to call on the Town of Haverhill for supplies for the men, & that Col° David Page to raise twelve men as a scouting party for Shelburne and the Upper Coos, & that he be desired to call on the Town of Conway or any other Towns in that quarter for supplies for the men; That each of said scouts be officered with one Sarjeant; That the officers and men have the same pay and rations as in the Continental army—their pay to commence from the time they enter on actual service, and to be discharged the tenth day of April next; the said men at Haverhill to be under the direction of Col° Charles Johnston: Those men for Shelburne & Co'os to be under the direction of Col° David Page. Signed—John McClary, for Comtee.

Friday, Jany 11th 1782.

[P. 309.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the State of Col° Morey's Regiment—viz. "That on account of Col° Morey's neglecting to comply with the orders and requisitions of the General Court &c. Lieut. Col° Charles Johnston be directed to take the command of said Regiment until further order."

Vote granting a Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State of £110,000, to be paid in several articles specified therein: [to wit.]

In Certificates for Interest due on public Securities in silver or gold, and in the following specific articles, viz.

Good New England Rum,	at 2*s*.6*d*.	per Gallon
West India rum,	4*s*	Do
Beef cattle, first payment by the last of June,	3½*d*	pr lb
" second payment, Sept.	3*d*	Do
" third payment, Novr	2½*d*.	Do.
Mens neat leather shoes, good,	6*s*	per pair
Mens yarn hose, of best quality,	5*s*	Do
Others in proportion		Do
Cotton or cotton & linen cloth ⅞ wide,	2*s*	pr yard
Good tow & linen cloth 1 yard wide,	1*s* & 6*d*	Do
Good felt hats,	5*s*.	
Good white woolen cloth, ¾ wide well milled & sheared once	7*s*	Do.
Of poorer quality in proportion,		Do
Good 8 quarter blankets, for soldiers,	21*s*	
Linen cloth, ⅞ wide, for shirting,	5*s* (for officers)	Do.
Linen cloth of inferior quality, in proportion,		Do.
Good wheat flour	42*s*	pr Cwt.

One third of the whole of said tax to be paid by the last day of June; one third by the last day of September; and the remaining third by the

last day of November next: the Rum to be deposited at the public stores in Portsmouth, Exeter or Plastow; the Beef to be delivered to the order of the Committee of Safety, at the expense of the respective towns, provided no town shall be at the expense of driving cattle more than fifteen miles: All the specific articles except the Beef and Rum to be delivered to the Board of war at Portsmouth or Exeter clear of charges, Provided also, that if the Beef, Rum & other articles are not paid at the respective periods mentioned, such deficiency to be paid in Silver and Gold.

Vote appointing General Sullivan to command the forces to be sent to the western parts of this State.

Vote appointing Thomas Bartlett to command one of the Reg^ts^ going to the westward.

[P. 310.] Vote appointing Col° David Reynolds (1) to command one of the Reg^ts^ going to the western part of the State.

Vote appointing Samuel McConnel to be Major of the Reg^t^ in the western expedition.

Vote appointing George Gains Major of one of the Reg^ts^ on the western expedition.

Vote for Capt. Samuel Gilman to proceed in selling the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth.

Saturday, Jan^y^ 12^th^ 1782.

[P. 311.] Voted That Charles Johnson (2) Esq^r^ be appointed Col° of the Regiment of Militia lately commanded by Israel Morey Esq^r^ who by renouncing his allegiance to this State, hath forfeited said office, and that said Johnson be commissioned accordingly. [Concurred by the House.]

Form of Proclamation to be printed & dispersed in the Counties of Grafton & Cheshire.(3)

Tuesday Jan^y^ 15^th^ 1782.

[P. 312.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on the account of Fowle & Gerrish, for paper & printing seven hundred Books of the Constitution: That said Fowle & Gerrish have and receive seventy pounds in full for their account, out of the Treasury, by order of the President.

[P. 313.] Vote to accept the report of the Com^tee^ That Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge & Francis Blood, Esq^r^ Collectors of Beef in this State, be directed to examine the salted Beef belong to the Public in their respective Districts & if they shall find any of said Beef damaged, that they condemn the same and expose it for sale at public Auction.

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(1) This name is spelled Runnels in the Journal of the House.—ED.

(2) It will be noted that this name is sometimes spelled Johnston, and sometimes Johnson.—ED.

(3) The editor has searched in vain for a copy of this proclamation.—ED.

Vote That Mr. Thomas Odiorne be & hereby is appointed an agent with full power to receive the debts due from individuals to this State.

Vote to accept the Report of the Com^tee^ That Col^o^ Samuel Hunt of Charlestown be directed to call upon those persons that have received fire-arms belonging to this State, to return the same without delay into the State Store under the care of s^d^ Col^o^ Hunt, and that he be further directed to make a Return into the Secretary's office of this State, of the Names of person or persons that shall neglect to return the same; And that Samuel Caldwell be directed to return the Gun belonging to this State now in his possession, to the Board of War, or to Col^o^ Samuel Hunt, the first convenient opportunity, taking their receipt therefor.

[P. 314.] Vote That the Delegates pay from this State to the Continental Congress be in future thirty six shillings in specie per day each, which is to be in full for their services including other expence from the time they set out, till they return home.

Vote That Mr. John Taylor Gilman be & he hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress, until the first day of November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Court of this State with all the powers & privileges which other delegates from this State have heretofore had & enjoyed, agreeably to the Confederation of the United States.

Vote, That Timothy Walker, Esq^r^ be and hereby is appointed a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress, until the first day of November next, unless sooner relieved or recalled by the General Assembly of this State, with all the powers & priviledges which other Delegates from this State have heretofore had & enjoyed, agreeable to the Confederation of the United States.(1)

[P. 315.] Wednesday, January 16th, 1782.

Vote to accept the Report of Com^{tee} on the State of the Batteries at Piscataqua Harbour, that the wages of the officers and soldiers who were employed the year past in defence of said Batteries & whose enlistments are now expired, should be made up in the following manner, viz. the Capt 8£ pr. month, Lieut & Ensign 6£ pr. mo., each Serjt £2:8s. pr. mo. each, & the Rank & file £2, each, & that the several ballances now due to them be paid in the same manner as the six and three months men are paid; Also, that there should be appointed as soon as may be, one Capt. & one Lieut., two Serjts & eighteen Rank & file raised for the Defence of said Batteries untill further Orders & to be paid the same wages as mentioned above.

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(1) It does not appear that Col. Walker attended the Congress.—Ed.

An Act for raising £110,000, lawful money, &c.
An Act for liquidating public securities, &c.
Enacted.

[P. 317.] Vote for a Comtee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the resolves of Congress respecting the Depreciation pay, & subsistance to be allowed Br. Gen. Stark, and report thereon—Concurred—Mr. Langdon & Mr. Gilman joined [with Colo Walker, Colo Bartlett & Mr. Robinson of the house.]

Vote to accept the Report of a Comtee that the President be desired to prepare & forward a Suitable Letter as soon as he can conveniently, representing the several matters above mentioned, in the fullest manner; especially, respecting the undue proportion assigned this State, of the said eight millions Dollars & to forward such other papers as he may think necessary.

[This letter not found.—Ed.]

Vote, That when the business of this session is finished, the General Court be adjourned to meet at Concord, at a time which shall be agreed upon by the said General Court. Bro't up, read & *non-concurred.*

[P. 318.] Thursday 17th Jany, 1782.

Vote That Lieut. Meshech Bell be and hereby is appointed Lieutenant of the company now to be raised for the defence of Piscataqua Harbour.

[P. 319.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee appointed to consider & report what is further necessary to be done concerning the raising the militia to be sent to the western part of this State: That the whole matter be referred to the Committee of Safety, and that they be impowered to raise and march them at such time, as they shall think proper.

Vote to pay the balance of the account of John Sullivan, Esq., amounting to £87 : 19 : 7, in Specie in full for the balance of his account as a delegate to Congress.

Vote to pay General Sullivan £4 in full of his account for drawing Bills for the General Court.

[P. 320.] Vote appointing Col° John Wentworth Collector of Rum that is to be paid by the several Towns in this State for the current year.

Vote desiring the several Judges of Probate in this State to call on the Trustees of Confiscated Estates by them respectively appointed, to settle their accounts as Trustees as soon as may be.

Friday, January 18th, 1782.

[P. 321.] Vote that B G. Stark shall have out of the Treasury a sum to the amount of six months pay & subsistance as B G, when the State of the Treasury will admit of it, agreeably to a resolve of Congress of the 28th of September last.

Vote appointing Joseph Gilman Esqr., Capt. Josiah Gilman & Mr. Ephraim Robinson a Committee to adjust and settle the depreciation of wages of the officers & soldiers belonging to the New Hampshire line of the army for the years 1780 and 1781.

[P. 322.] Resolve empowering the Treasurer to hire £20,000 in specie, and to give Notes on Interest for any sums demanded of him by virtue of an order from the President.

Vote to pay the members of the Council & house of Representatives six shillings pr day for their attendance this session & 4*d* per mile for travel; The Secretary 9*s* per day & travel as a member; The Depy Secy 7*s*. 6*d* per day over and above his pay as a member, & the assistant Clerk 1*s* 6*d* per day over & above his pay as a member.

Vote for supplying the families of officers & soldiers of the N. Hampshire line in actual service with a months pay.

Vote for holding the next Session of the General Court at Concord.

[From Journal of the House, Jany 18th, 1782.]

The vote of the 12th Inst. for adjourning the Court to Concord was returned from the Honbl Board non-concurred.—Whereupon, Voted, That the House adhere to their former vote: When the Yeas & Nays were called for on the question: Which are as follows:

Yeas
Robert Wilson
John Underhill
Phillips White
Nath^{l} Peabody
John Calfe
John Dudley
James Gibson
Sam^{l} McConnell
Tim^{o} Walker
Abiel Foster
John Bryent
Enoch Sawyer
Jacob McGaw
Wm. Burns
Benj^{a} French
Moses Nichols
Stephen Herriman
William Abbott
Nath^{l} Bean

(Yeas)
Benj^{a} Mann
Joseph Symonds
Wm. Smiley
Jonas Butterfield
Joseph Senter
Edward Everett
Jere. Eames
Enoch Page.
Yeas 27.

Nays
Wm. Whipple
Geo. Gains
Jn^{o} T. Gilman
Eph^{m} Robertson
Sam^{l} Weare
Mark Wiggin
Moses Leavitt
Eben^{r} Potter
Sam^{l} Gilman
Enoch Coffin
John Fogg
Wm. Weeks
Tho^{s} Bartlett
Eph^{m} Pickering
Sam^{l} Jenness
Jn^{o} Smith
James Davis
John Garland
David Copp,
Eph^{m} Adams.
Nays 20.

Vote to adjourn the General Court till the Second Wednesday in March next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the meeting house in Concord.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire at their second session begun & holden at Concord in said State on the second Wednesday of March, being the 13th day of said month, in the sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America, Anno Domini, 1782.

A list and Call Roll of the Honble House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire at their Second Session begun and holden at Concord, on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1782.(1)

Towns & Places.	*Names of Represe tatives.*	*Miles.*	*Days attendance.*
Portsmouth,	John Langdon Esqr	53	10
"	William Whipple, Esqr	53	14
"	George Gains, Esq.	—	—
Exeter	Mr. John Taylor Gilman(2)	40	15
"	Mr. Ephraim Robinson	40	15
Londonderry	Daniel Reynolds Esqr	29	9
"	Mr. Archibald McMurphy	25	13
Chester	Robert Wilson, Esqr	28	11
"	Capt. John Underhill	24	11
Hampton Falls &c.	Samuel Weare, Esqr	45	14
Brintwood	——— ———	—	—
Stratham	Mark Wiggin, Esqr	44	4
North Ampton	Moses Leavitt, Esqr	47	5
Kensington	Ebenezer Potter, Esqr	—	—
New Market	Capt. Samuel Gilman	38	11

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(1) This List is the only one that has been found of members of the House for 1781-1782.—Ed.

(2) In the margin, "1 Sept. Jedediah Jewett."

Towns & Places.	*Names of Representatives.*	*Miles.*	*Days attendance.*
Epping	Enoch Coffin, Esq^{r}	33	15
Hampton	Mr. John Fogg	43	14
Southampton &c.	Phillips White, Esq^{r}	41	11
Kingston & E. Kingston	Capt. John Eastman	33	15
Greenland	William Weeks, Esq^{r}	46	12
Nottingham	Thomas Bartlett, Esq^{r}	28	5
Hawke & Sandown	David Tilton, Esq^{r}	30	13
Newington	Capt. Eph^{m} Pickering	50	11
Rye	Samuel Jenness Esq^{r}	52	8
Atkinson & Plastow	Nath^{l} Peabody Esq^{r}	35	14
Hampstead	John Calfe, Esq^{r}	30	15
Raymond & Poplin	John Dudley, Esq^{r}	22	11
New Castle	——— ———	—	—
Deerfield & Northwood	Jeremiah Eastman, Esq^{r}	18	12
Salem	Mr. Caleb Dustin	36	7
Candia	Capt. John Sargent	20	10
Epsom, Chichester &c.	——— ———	—	—
Pelham	James Gibson, Esq^{r}	40	14
Wyndham	James Betton, Esq^{r}	35	10
Pembroke	Samuel McConnell, Esq^{r}	5	13
Concord	Timothy Walker, Esq^{r}	0	13
Canterbury & Loudon	Abiel Foster, Esq^{r}	8	13
Bow & Dunbarton	John Bryant, Esq^{r}	3	13
Dover	Caleb Hodgdon, Esq^{r}	—	—
"	John Waldron, Esq^{r}	46	13
Durham	John Smith, Esq^{r}	38	16 (1)
Lee	Hercules Mooney, Esq^{r}	—	—
Madbury	Mr. James Davis	—	—
Summersworth	——— ———	—	—
Rochester	Mr. Jabez Dame	50	14
Barrington	John Garland, Esq^{r}	—	—
Wakefield &c.	Capt. David Copp	60	9
Gilmanton &c.	Joseph Badger, Esq^{r}	20	10
Meredith & Sanbornton	Ebenezer Smith, Esq^{r}	29	10
Wolfeborough, &c.	——— ———	—	—
Sandwich, &c. &c.	Daniel Beede, Esq^{r}	48	7
Conway, &c. &c.	David Page, Esq^{r}	78	5
Goffstown	Mr. Enoch Sawyer	20	13
Merrimac, &c.	Mr. Jacob McGaw	25	11
Nottingham W.	Mr. William Burns	40	2
Dunstable	Benjamin French, Esq^{r}	40	11
Hollis	Capt. Daniel Emerson	40	13
Amherst	Moses Nichols, Esq^{r}	30	8
Hopkinton	Capt. Stephen Harriman	11	15
Salisbury & Boscawen	——— ———	—	—

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(1) "Including one day for making up the Roll."—ED.

Towns & Places.	*Names of Representatives.*	*Miles.*	*Days attendance.*
Weare	Mr. Samuel Caldwell	16	12
Wilton &c.	Mr. William Abbot, jun	42	13
New Boston	Mr. James Caldwell	—	—
Andover, Warner, &c.	Mr. Nathaniel Bean	18	14
Mason & Raby	Capt. Benjamin Mann	48	8
New Ipswich	Mr. Ephraim Adams	50	14
Temple & Peterboro'	Francis Blood, Esqr	46	15
Dublin, Marlboro' &c.	——— ———	—	—
Lyndeborough	Capt. Levi Spaulding	28	14
Hillsborough &c	Capt. Joseph Symonds	26	15
Litchfield &c	——— ———	—	—
Rindge, Jaffrey &c	Mr. William Smiley	60	15
Keen	Mr. Daniel Kingsbury	72	13
Packersfield, &c.	Mr. Jonathan Adams	57	13
Swanzey & Fitz William	Mr. Abner Stone	—	—
Hinsdale &c	——— ———	—	—
Westmoreland	Mr. Jonas Butterfield	—	—
Walpole	Capt. Josiah Goldsmith	—	—
Richmond	——— ———	—	—
Surry, Alstead, &c	Mr. Absalom Kingsbury	53	15
Newport, &c. &c.	——— ———	—	—
Unity, Acworth, &c.	(Oliver Booth 10th Sept. 1782)		
Winchester	Capt. Nehemiah Houghton	91	14
Charlestown	(John Hubbard,10thSept.1782)	—	—
Claremont	——— ———	—	—
Cornish, Plainfield &c	(Saml Chase 10th Sept. 1782.)		
Plymouth &c. &c.	Col. Joseph Senter	43	15
New holderness, &c. &c.	Capt. Edward Everett	50	15
Lancaster, &c. &c. &c.	Jeremiah Eames, Esqr	140	6
Haverhill	Moses Dow, Esqr	85	12
Wentworth, Warner, &c.	Enoch Page, Esqr	68	15
Stoddard, &c.	Mr. Jacob Copland	40	8

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Honble Meshech Weare,
Josiah Bartlett
Nichs Gilman
John McClary
Woodbury Langdon
George Frost
Jno Wentworth
Timothy Farrar
Jacob Abbot
Benjamin Bellows
Thomas Sparhawk
Francis Worcester
Ebenezer Thompson, Secy.
Joseph Pierson, Dep. Secy.

[*Copied from Records of Council.*]

[P. 323.] Wednesday, March 13th 1782.

Six members of the Council attended. Adj^{d}.

[From Journal of the House, March 13, 1782.]

Sundry members of the House met according to adjournment at the Meeting-House in Concord, and as it was inconvenient to hold the Court there, owing to the inclemency of the season agreed to adjourn & meet again forthwith in a building in said Concord prepared for their reception.(1)

Thursday, March 14th 1782.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider what business is most necessary to be first entered on this Session & report thereon: Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Bellows & Mr. Gilman joined [with Gen^{l} Whipple, Capt. Gilman, Mr. White, Mr. Absalom Kingsbury & Mr. Blood of the house.]

[P. 324.] Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Winchester, praying for leave to make return of two Continental Soldiers in actual service, omitted by them in a former return.

Friday, March 15th, 1782.

[P. 325.] Vote for Capt. Stephen Harriman to receive State Securities in Lieu of Bills of the new Emission, at the rate of three for one, for Estates of absentees sold by him.

Saturday, March 16th, 1782.

[P. 326.] Vote for the Receiver General of the non-residents Taxes, not to receive any Taxes on the Lists that may be lodged in his hands, after he has certified the deficiencies of said lists thereon to the Collectors, agreeably to a vote of yesterday.

[P. 327.] Vote appointing Abel Walker Esq^{r} Lieut. Col. of the Regiment lately commanded by B G Bellows: & Amos Shepard Esq^{r} Major of the Regiment, lately commanded by B G Bellows.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1782.

Vote to accept the report of Committee on making provision for the officers and soldiers at home on furlow, viz. for advancing them a months pay in Beef & Rum.

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(1) According to tradition this building was the north room in a store built and owned by Judge Timothy Walker, located a few rods south of his dwelling-house. The Council, it is said, held their sessions in the south room of Judge Walker's house, now owned and occupied by his grandson, Joseph B. Walker, Esq. Both buildings are still standing, though the store has been removed to the west side of Main street, near the corner of Penacook street, and changed into a dwelling-house. See Hist. of Concord, p. 286. —ED.

[P. 328.] Vote appointing John Clark, Esq^r of Landaff a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Reuben Clough, Esq^r a justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham, & William Ayer Esq^r a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the propriety of opening the Courts in the County of Grafton, [to wit.]

That the Courts in said County should be immediately opened—and that the Superior Court of Judicature be held at Haverhill in said County on the third Tuesday of October next, & recommend to the consideration of the Legislature the propriety of appointing two Superior Courts, four Inferior Courts, & four Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held annually in said County & passing an Act for that purpose.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1782.

Vote for a tract of land adjoining easterly on Haverhill and northerly on Warren to be taxed for the future by the name of Coventry.

[P. 329.] Vote to receive the report of the Committee on the propriety of the agent on the estate of Governor Wentworth: [to wit.]

That the said Lands are so peculiarly circumstanced as to render the sale difficult at present—and that the Trustee be directed not to make sale of any of the same until further order of the General Court.

Vote to strike off from the list of Pensioners for half-pay officers & soldiers, sundry persons, viz. "Lt. Jonathan Holton, Lt. James Crombie, Lt. Joseph Hilton, Archibald McMillan, Weymouth Wallace, Reuben Trussell & Joshua Gilman."

Thursday, March 21st, 1782.

[P. 330.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the New Hampshire line of the army: [to wit.]

They recommend that the Act passed the third day of July 1781, for settling the depreciation with the officers &c be repealed & that an Act be passed for settling with them for the years 1780 & 1781; and that they receive Notes for their ballances of the same date & form as those mentioned in An Act for liquidating the public securities passed the 16th day of January 1782, & that the Treasurer be authorized to give certificates for the Interest of the money due for the year 1780 from the first day of January 1781 to the date of said Notes, & for the Interest of the money due for the year 1781, from the first day of January 1782, to the date of the Notes aforesaid, & that the Committee appointed to settle with the said officers &c. be directed to compute all money or supplies which they have received according to the scale of depreciation. Signed by J. Bartlett.

An Act for raising & equipping this State's quota of the Continental Army.—Enacted.

[P. 331.] Friday, March 22^d, 1782.

Vote to Strike off Benjamin Giles, Esq^r from the List of Civil officers for this State.

Vote to strike off Nathaniel Sartel Prentice from the list of civil officers of this State.

Vote for dividing the Town of Chichester & erecting part of it into a Town by the name of Pittsfield.

Monday, March 25th, 1782.

Vote that when the business of this Session is finished, the General Court shall be adjourned to meet at Concord, at a time which shall be fixed upon by the said General Court.

[In the House, March 23^d, 1782, upon the preceding vote, the yeas and nays were called for, which are as follows, viz.]

Yeas.
Daniel Runnels
Archib^d McMurphy
Rob^t Wilson
Jn^o Underhill
Phillips White
David Tilton
Nath^l Peabody
John Calfe
Caleb Dustin

Yeas.
John Sargeant
Ja^s Gibson
Ja^s Betton
Sam^l McConnell
Tim^o Walker
Abiel Foster
Jn^o Bryant
Joseph Badger
Eben^r Smith

Yeas.
Dan^l Beede
David Page
Enoch Sawyer
Jacob McGaw
Benj^a French
Dan^l Emerson
Moses Nichols
Steph^n Harriman
Sam^l Caldwell

Yeas.
Wm. Abbot
Nath^l Bean
Benj^a Mann
Ephr^m Adams
Francis Blood
Levi Spaulding
Joseph Symonds
Wm. Smiley
Dan^l Kingsbury
Jon^a Adams
Absalom Kingsbury
Nehemiah Houghton
Joseph Senter
Edward Everett
Jer^e Eames
Moses Dow
Enoch Page
Jacob Copland
45 Yeas.

Nays.
Wm. Whipple
Jn^o T. Gilman
Eph^m Robinson
Sam^l Weare
Mark Wiggin
Moses Leavitt
Sam^l Gilman
Enoch Coffin
Jn^o Fogg
Jn^o Eastman
Wm. Weeks
Tho^s Bartlett
Eph^m Pickering
Sam^l Jenness
Jn^o Dudley
Jer^e Eastman
Jn^o Waldron
Jn^o Smith
Jabez Dame
David Copp.
20 Nays.

[P. 336.] An Act for confiscating the estates of sundry subjects of this State and of other United States of America who have since the commencement of hostilities between Great Britain & the United States gone over to the enemy: Also the Estates of the subjects of Great Britain lying within this State.

Tuesday, March 26th,1782.

Vote empowering the President to make out Brevets for promoting sundry officers in the New Hampshire line of the army.

Wednesday, March 27th, 1782.

[P. 338.] Vote appointing Samuel Emerson Esqr a Justice of the Quorum & a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Enoch Page Esqr a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Simeon Goodwin a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

[P. 339.] Vote appointing James Woodward, Esqr a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Jonathan Jenness Esqr a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Vote appointing Joseph Thorndike a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing Absalom Kingsbury a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing Jonathan Merrill a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Ezekiel Ladd Esqr a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing John Bryent Esqr a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Vote to send Precepts to sundry Towns in the Counties of Cheshire & Grafton to choose Representatives to represent them in the General Court.

[P. 340.] Resolve for raising men to defend the Western & Northern frontiers, [to wit]

David Page Esq. to enlist eight men; Jere. Eames, twelve men; Capt. Samuel Runnels, & Lt. James Ladd 50 men to serve till the last of November next, &c.

Vote to adjourn the General Court to the second Tuesday in June next, then to meet "at the House in Concord provided for their reception, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon."(1)

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Secy.

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(1) See Journal of the House, March 27th, 1782.—ED.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the Honourable General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their third Session, begun and holden at Concord on the Second Tuesday of June, being the eleventh day of said month, in the sixth year of the Independence of America, Anno Domini, 1782.

From Records of the Council.

[No quorum for business, until]

Thursday, June 13th, 1782.

[P. 341.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to nominate such Civil officers as may appear to them necessary—Concurred Mr. McClary & Mr. Abbot joined [to Col. Peabody, Capt. Harriman, Mr. Garland, & Capt. Goldsmith of the House.]

[P. 343.] Vote that the time of recording Grant's Locations & Charters be further prolonged for the term of six months, and that a Bill be prepared for that purpose.

Resolve for the Committee of Safety to receive & cancel all orders given officers & soldiers unpaid; in lieu thereof to issue orders for specie at the rate of one specie for three new emission dollars.

Vote to hear the Petition of Sundry persons praying to have a Ferry established at or near the Isle of Hookset-falls on Merrimack River, on Wednesday next.

[From Journal of the House, June 13th.]

Upon reading and considering the Petition of Timothy Walker Esqr and others praying that Joshua Abbott may have the grant of a Ferry to be established near Isle a Huckset-falls on Merrimack River, Voted that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Assembly on

Wednesday next, & that in the mean time the Petitioners cause John Dustin & Benjamin Noyes each to be served with a copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon, that they or either of them may then appear & shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof should not be granted.

Friday, June 14th, 1782.

[P. 346.] Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on the Letters of Paul Jones & Eleazer Russell, Esqrs [to wit.](1)

That the Naval officer should be allowed to take fees for entering & clearing vessels agreeably to the table herewith exhibited; That the Company for the defence of Piscataqua Harbour should be encreased to sixty men including officers; That a guard of twelve men out of the said Company shall be kept at Fort Point, and such fortifications made there, and such guns placed therein as may be thought best by the Committee of Safety, or such person or persons as they may appoint for that purpose; That the Captain of the Fort be directed to furnish a Guard of twelve men for the Protection of the ship America, and that the Committee of Safety be directed to sell as much of the Salted Beef belonging to the Continent in the public stores in this State at auction or otherwise, as will be sufficient to pay the said Company & for any other expense that may attend the said Fortifications & apply it to that purpose;—The Committee further recommend that an additional Act be passed relative to the Custom-house.

Saturday, June 15th, 1782.

Vote appointing Michael McClary, Esqr of Epsom a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

[P. 347.] Vote for Jeremiah Towle to be enrolled as an invalid pensioner & receive ½ the pay of a corporal to commence the first day of January 1782.

Monday, June 17th, 1782.

Vote for Col. Henry Dearborn to be desired to furlough for a certain time one Joseph Chase a Continental soldier on account of the peculiar difficulties of his family.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider what is necessary to be done respecting such Civil & military officers in the Counties of Cheshire and Grafton as have heretofore acted under the authority of Vermont, & report thereon. Concurred—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Langdon & Mr. Frost joined [to Mr. Hubbard, Col. Peabody, Col. Runnels, Capt. Gilman & Capt. Goldsmith of the House.]

[P. 348.] Tuesday, June 18th 1782.

Vote requesting the President to draw an order on the Treasr in favor of Isaac Anderson and Richard Wallace or their order, (two prisoners taken by the enemy in Pennsylvania & carried to Canada, from whence they made their escape,) the sum of ten dollars each, and to give them a permit to pass.—Warrant granted.

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(1) The letters here referred to have not been found.—Ed.

Vote directing the Committee of Safety to dispose of the Beef Cattle that may be received for Taxes for the present year, for the most they can in Cash or Robert Morris's Bills, and pay the same into the Treasury.

[P. 349.] Resolved, That the Receiver General of Rum be directed to pay into the Treasury of this State what money he may receive for the deficiency of Rum; And that the Committee of Safety be directed to cause the Rum now on hand belonging to this State to be delivered to the Continental officer appointed for that purpose, or dispose thereof for Cash as soon as may be and pay the same into the Treasury of this State. [Concurred by the House.]

Vote, That the President be desired to give directions for celebrating the Birth of the Dauphin of France, an event which gives the most sensible pleasure to the General Court.

[From the Journal of the House, June 18th, 1782.]

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter from the minister of Foreign Affairs of the 14th of May last, mentioning the birth of a Dauphin of France, Reported, as their opinion, "That the President be desired to give such directions for the celebration of the birth of the Dauphin of France (an event which gives the most sensible pleasure to this General Court) as he may think may best display the joy of the good people of this State on the happy occasion.—Which report being read & considered, Voted That the same be received & accepted.

Vote appointing Mr. Ephraim Robinson to enroll & pay off the Invalid Pensioners of this State.

Wednesday, June 19th 1782.

[P. 350.] Vote to accept the resignation of the Honble Meshech Weare Esqr as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, for the reasons therein assigned.

[From the Journal of the House, June 19th, 1782.]

Whereas the Honbl Meshech Weare, Esqr Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature of this State hath signified to this House that by reason of his advanced age & bodily infirmities he is unable any longer to perform the duties of that office, & hath accordingly presented his resignation thereof to this House—It is therefore Resolved, That the Speaker, in the name of the House of Representatives make known to the said Meshech Weare Esqr that it is with regret they find themselves obliged to accept of his resignation on account of his want of health &c.

still to perform the great and important duties of the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature for said State, & at the same time desire to have expressed the high sense which they entertain of the uprightness & integrity of his conduct and of his due administration of Justice in his said office during his long continuance therein; And Return him their most sincere & united thanks for his past services.

[P. 351.] Vote appointing a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of two several petitions for liberty to keep ferries on Merrimac River, and to report whether one or both are necessary.

Pay roll of Capt. John Mills' company in Col. Daniel Reynolds Reg^t allowed & paid, £265: 7: 8.

Vote appointing B G^l Benjamin Bellows a delegate to represent this State in Congress.

Thursday, June 20^th, 1782.

[P. 352.] Vote to pay Maj^r James McClure fifteen pounds twelve shillings in full for signing one hundred & four Quire of the new Emission Money.

Vote for a Bill to be bro't in to compel a course to be cleared for fish to pass thro' the Mill Dams on Ashuelot River.

[P. 353.] Friday, June 21^st, 1782.

Vote for Capt. George Janverin to have the use and improvement of the Island on which Fort Washington is erected, for a pasture, excepting the land on which said Fort, the Batteries & Barracks stand; & privilege of passing to & from them as usual, until the further order of the General Court, in full consideration for the highway through the said Janverin's Island to the Fort aforesaid.

[From the Journal of the House, June 21, 1782.]

Upon reading a representation from the Towns of Newbury, Moretown, Norwich and Hartford lying on the West side of Connecticut River as expressing their desire to be under the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, in case they could be received upon such terms as were honourable & mutually advantageous, and also intimating that it would probably be agreeable to the Inhabitants of that part of the territory of Vermont that is situated to the Eastward of the heighth of Land, to join New Hampshire on the same terms:

Resolved, That although this State suppose they have a just title to the Territory called Vermont which has been long controverted between this State and the State of New York, Nevertheless, for the sake of peace and a good harmony with said State of New York, and to accommodate the said Inhabitants east of the said heighth of Land, this State is willing to extend their Jurisdiction over that part of the Territory called Vermont, that lays East of the said heighth of Land, provided the generality of the Inhabitants thereof shall desire it: Provided also, that New York will settle a Boundary line upon the said heighth of Land; and also, that in such case this State will do whatever may be found needful & reasonable to be done towards establishing the proceedings of said District under the authority of Vermont, and also will afford them such protection against the common enemy, as the nature of the case will admit; and that the President be desired to inform the State of New York of our proceedings herein and desire their sentiments respecting the same. [Concurred by the Council.]

According to the order of this day the Council & House being met in the Meeting-house in Concord to consider of two Memorials of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth praying for the repêal of an Act passed the 25th of March last, and of any other matters that it may be thought necessary to take under consideration: The Honble Meshech Weare Esqr in the Chair,—The Committee proceeded to consider of the matters to them referred & agree to report, That the Act for confiscating the Estate of sundry subjects of this State and of the other United States of America, who have since the commencement of hostilities between Great Britain & the United States gone over to the enemy, also the Estates of the subjects of Great Britain lying within this State, be not repealed nor any part thereof: The Committee then adjourned with leave to meet again—when the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Upon reading and considering two memorials from the Town of Portsmouth praying for a repeal of the Confiscation Act passed the 25th of March last—Voted That the said memorials be dismissed.

[P. 354.] Vote appointing the Honble Samuel Livermore Esqr to be & he hereby is appointed Chief Justice of the Superior Court of this State.

[P. 355.] An Act in addition to an Act passed November the 28th 1781, Entitled "An Act for preventing the subjects of his Britannic Majesty and all other persons inimical to the United States of North America from prosecuting actions, serving as Jurors, or acting as Town Officers within this State,—having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Saturday, June 22d 1782.

[P. 356.] Vote appointing the Honble Woodbury Langdon Esqr a Puisne Justice of the Superior Court for this State.

Vote, That John Balsh or some other person be employed to ride Post—" on the same Tour said Balch rode the last year, & that the person so employed be allowed one hundred pounds for a year's service including horse-hire & expences, to be paid out of the Treasury quarterly by an order from the President."(1)

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(1) See Journal of the House, June 22d.—Ed.

[P. 357.] Vote for the Petition of Majr Caleb Stark to be referred to the Committee of Safety for their consideration.

Monday, June 24th 1782.

Vote appointing the Honbl Matthew Thornton & Leverit Hubbard Esqrs Puisne Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Vote appointing the Honbl John Sullivan Esqr Attorney General for this State.

Tuesday, June 25th 1782.

Vote to pay the Staff Roll of Colo Daniel Reynold's Regiment of Militia amounting to £238 : 18 : 1.

[P. 358.] Vote for paying into the Continental Treasury Forty thousand pounds out of the State Tax for the present year.

[From Journal of the House, June 25th 1782.]

The Council & House being again met in Committee of the whole proceeded to consider further of the matters referred, when two Gentlemen from the Honble Continental Congress made a representation to the Committee of the situation of public affairs of the United States both at home and in Europe: The Committee after much time spent in consulting & deliberating on the business before them, agreed to Report, That Colo Bartlett, Mr. Speaker Langdon, Genl Whipple, Woodbury Langdon Esqr Mr. Frost and Colo Peabody be a sub-Committee to wait upon the Delegates from Congress & confer with them upon any subject that may be thought best for public Utility. The Committee then adjourned with leave to meet again, when it shall be deemed expedient.

Resolve that the Bank Bills of the United States & the Notes of Robert Morris Esqr the Financier shall be received in lieu of Specie in the Treasury for all Taxes.

Wednesday, June 26th, 1782.

Resolve That the Committee of Safety for this State be impowered in the recess of the General Assembly to draw forth & supply the Militia in such manner as they may think proper, whenever the Commander in Chief may call for them.

Vote for paying the members of the General Court, secretaries & clerks for their service this session, & the Committee of Safety in recess of the Court.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on making further provision for the defence of the frontiers of this State: [to wit.]

That two companies of good able bodied effective men be immediately raised instead of the fifty men Voted to be raised by the General Court at their last session; That each company consist of fifty men exclusive of Commissioned officers; That the same be apportioned to the several Regiments commanded by Col° McClary, Col° Stickney, Col° Kelley, Col° Lovewell, Col° Hale, Col° Ellis, Col° Webber, Col° Chase, Col° Smith, & Col° David Webster; That the said Commanders of Regiments be called upon to raise by draught or enlistment their respective quota and send them forward to Haverhill, the place of Rendezvous, without loss of time; That said Companies be officered by militia officers, (viz.) One Captain & one Lieutenant, four Sargeants and four Corporals to each Company; That both Companies be under the direction of Col° Charles Johnston; That said Johnston be requested and impowered to call upon any Towns in the State for supplies for said men, or for money to purchase supplies, & to issue the same to said men & to provide ammunition for them; That each officer and soldier be allowed half a pint of Rum pr. day when scouting in the woods; That said officers be allowed the same pay and rations as officers of equal rank, and soldiers in the Continental Army, and that they serve until the last day of November next unless sooner discharged; That such Towns as may advance supplies for said men or money for that purpose, shall be credited for the same towards their Tax for the current year; That James Ladd be a Lieutenant of one of said Companies, and the men he has already enlisted in consequence of a vote or Resolve of the General Court at their last session, & now in actual service be added to the same Company; That Col° Richardson be directed to raise eight men out of his Regiment by draught or enlistment and send them forward to Col° David Page in the room & stead of & for the purposes mentioned in a Resolve of the General Court at their last session.

Signed Francis Worcester, for the Committee.

[P. 359.] Vote directing the Board of War to lay their Acc^{ts} before the General Assembly the first day of next session.

Vote for the Treasurer of this State to pay according to the Scale of depreciation in silver money, what may appear due in the old currency, to any member of the General Court for his attendance & travel.

[P. 360.] Vote appointing Ephraim Robinson one of the Committee of Safety.

Vote empowering the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Grafton to appoint at their next Session, a Treasurer for said County.

Vote directing in what manner the invalid pensioners of this State shall be paid in future: [viz.] "That they receive Notes on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof, for such sums as shall appear due on the half-pay roll."(1)

Vote proportioning the Hundred men that are to be raised for defence of the Western Frontiers to several regiments of militia ; [to wit.]

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(1) See Journal of the House.—Ed.

One Captain from Col° Stickney's Regt.
One Lieut. from Col° Kelly's Do.
One Capt. from Col° Ellis's Do.
Lieut. Ladd, from Col° Johnston's Do.
Seven men be raised from Col° McClary's Regt
Sixteen............from Col° Stickney's,
Thirteen...........from Col° Kelley's,
Eleven.............from Col° Lovewell's,
Thirteen...........from Col° Hale's,
Fourteen...........from Col° Ellis's,
Nine...............from Col° Webber's,
Seven..............from Col° Chase's,
Six................from Col° Smith's,
Four...............from Col° David Webster's.

Thursday, June 27th 1782.

An Act to encourage the taking up & securing all such British prisoners of War taken from the enemy, who have escaped or shall hereafter escape from the places of their confinement, & for punishing those persons who are aiding or assisting them therein, having been read three times, Voted, That the same be enacted.

[P. 361.] An Act for the encouraging of the taking up & securing Deserters from the New Hampshire line of the Continental Army, and for punishing those persons who harbour or secrete them, knowing them to be such, having been read three times, Voted That the same be enacted.

Vote for the Towns who raise men for the defence of the frontiers, to raise respectively to their men one penny halfpenny pr. mile for travelling to & from Cohoss.

Vote appointing B Gl Badger an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Vote appointing John Bellows, Esqr an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Vote adjourning the General Court to the Second Tuesday in September next then to meet at Concord.

Attest . . . E. THOMPSON, Secy.

Letter from Capt. Isaac Frye.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 64.]

Amherst, July 9th 1782.

SIR—One Joseph Clark a soldier inlisted for the Town of Antrim for three years mustered by myself, has since mustering been arrested in three actions and confined in Amherst gole, by reason of which it is out of my power to send him to Camp. Beg the Direction and order of the Honourable Committee on the affair,

With due respect Remain
Your obedient Humbl Servt
ISAAC FRYE.

Honorable M. Weare.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their Session, in Concord, begun as by adjournment, September 10th, 1782.

[Members of the House as before.]

[*Copied from Records of the Council.*]

[P. 362.] Thursday, September 12th—a quorum met & proceeded to business.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter from General Sullivan requesting leave for Mrs. Holland, wife of Col° Stephen Holland, to come from New York to Londonderry to see her children(1) —Concurred—Mr. Langdon & Mr. McClary joined [with Col° Walker, Capt. Herriman & Mr. Foster of the House.]

[P. 363.] Vote to pay the Roll of Col° David Page amounting to £36 : 18 for a scouting party at Conway.

Vote to pay the acct of Col° David Page, amounting to £36 : 16 : 1 for supplies for a Scout at Conway.

Friday, September 13th, 1782.

[P. 364.] Vote giving leave to Asahel Smith to keep a ferry over Merrimack river.

[P. 365.] Vote to receive the report of the Committee on altering the Districts that send Representatives to the General Court, [to wit,]

That the Towns of Henniker & Hillsborough be coupled together, and that the precept for a member of the next Court be directed to the Selectmen of Henniker; and that Antrim, Dearing, Hancock & Society Land be formed into one District, and the Precept be directed to the Selectmen of Antrim; That Romney & Plymouth be coupled together and that the Precept be directed to the Selectmen of Plymouth; That Cockermouth, New Chester, Andover, Alexandria & New London be formed into a District and that the Precept be directed to the Selectmen of New Chester; That the Towns of Holderness, Campton

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(1) This letter has not been found.—ED.

& Thornton be a District and that the Precept be directed to the Selectmen of Campton; And that the Towns of Salisbury and Boscawen be each allowed to send a Representative.

Signed, T. Farrar for Com^{tee}.

Vote directing the Committee of Safety to dispose of the Beef Cattle collected for Taxes by Mr. John Jennison, as soon as may be, and that they give such orders from time to time relative to the Collecting or disposing of all cattle collected for Taxes as they judge proper.

Vote appointing the Hon^{ble} Phillips White Esq^{r} one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

[P. 366.] Saturday, September 14th, 1782.

Vote appointing John T. Gilman one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

Vote for Mrs. Martha Poor to receive a Gratuity agreeable to resolve of Congress for her husband's services to the States.

An Act to annex the Towns of Holderness & Campton to the County of Grafton, having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Vote appointing Joseph Gilman Esq^{r} Judge of the Probate of Wills &c. for the County of Rockingham for & during the time that the Hon^{ble} Phillips White, Esq^{r} is absent at Congress.

[P. 367.] Vote appointing Moses Baker Esq^{r} a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing John Dow Jun^{r} of Atkinson a Coroner for the County of Rockingham.

Vote for paying the members of the General Court, their officers and servants the same as last session.

Vote giving directions to the Trustees of the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth relative to paying Taxes on lands of said Estate: [to wit.]

That the Trustees on Governor Wentworth's Estate be directed to pay all such Proprietary Taxes on the rights of the said Governor in the Township of Lyme, as appears to have been legally assessed, previous to his making sale thereof, and that the matter of Proprietary Taxes in Protectworth be referred to the Committee of Safety, to give such order respecting them as they may think proper.

Vote appointing George Gains Esq^{r} one of the Committee of Safety in the room of Phillips White Esq^{r} going to Congress.

Vote That the Hon^{bl} the President with advice of the Committee of Safety take such notice of the Admiral & other officers of his most Christian Majesty now at Portsmouth, by public entertainment or otherwise, as they may think convenient.

Vote for Lieut. Andrew McGaffey to be allowed one-third part of his monthly pay to commence at the time hsi pay as an officer in actual service ceased, & to continue during the pleasure of the General Court.

[P. 368.] Vote appointing the Hon^{bl} Jacob Abbott, Esq^{r}, a special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature for this State.

Vote That the General Court be now adjourned to meet again at Exeter on the second Wednesday of November next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the General Assembly of New Hampshire, at their Session, holden by adjournment, at Exeter, November 12th, 1782.

Copied from Records of the Council.

[P. 369.] Wednesday, November 13th, 1782.

A Quorum being met, proceeded on business.

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 1782.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to nominate such persons for Civil officers as may be wanting in the State.—Mr. Frost, Mr. Worcester & Mr. Bartlett joined [with Col° Peabody, Mr. Abbott, Col° Waldron, Mr. Chase, & Capt. Everett of the House.]

[P. 370, 371.] Vote appointing Abiel Foster Esqr a Special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature for the next term to be held in the County of Strafford.

Vote appointing Caleb Hodgdon Esqr a Special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature for the next term to be held in the County of Strafford.

Vote appointing Josiah Bartlett, Esqr one of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature for this State, in the room of Matthew Thornton, Esqr who has declined to accept said Trust.

[P. 372.] Friday, Novr 15th, 1782.

Vote to hear Majr General Sullivan before both houses this afternoon on the propriety of admitting Mrs. Holland, wife of Col° Stephen Holland, to come from New York to visit her children at Londonderry.

Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Londonderry for settling their line with Windham.

Saturday, Nover 16th, 1782.

Vote giving leave for Mrs. Holland, wife of Col° Stephen Holland to come from New York to visit her children at Londonderry.

[From the Journal of the House, Nov. 15, 1782.]

Upon considering the requisition of Maj. Gen. Sullivan for obtaining liberty for Mrs. Holland to return to this State to visit her children, Voted that the request be granted and that she have liberty to return to this State with two of her daughters now with her, and continue in said State until the last day of March next and no longer, unless otherways ordered by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety for this State.

[P. 373.] Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the Memorial of James Blanchard in behalf of the officers & soldiers of the New Hampshire line—viz.

That the matter respecting the retained rations or subsistance money be postponed, and that the President be desired to write to our delegates at Congress and inform them of the said memorial and desire them immediately to obtain the sense of Congress respecting the settlements of the said retained Rations for the year 1780 and 1781, and transmit the Resolution of Congress respecting the matter to the President of this State as soon as may be. Signed Nicholas Gilman for the Committee.

Wednesday, November 20th, 1782.

Vote giving leave for one Dusten and one Marten to keep a Ferry over Merrimac River under such restrictions as should be ordered by the General Court.

[From the Journal of the House, Nov. 19, 1782.]

The Committee appointed at last June Session to view a certain place at the foot of Isle a Hooksett Falls petitioned for by sundry persons to be established as a Ferry over the River Merrimac, together with a place which has long been improved as a ferry by Mr. Martin & Mr. Dustin, who also Petitioned that the place by them improved should be established to them their Heirs & assigns,—Reported as their opinion, "That it appears to them that the place petitioned for at said falls is attended with so many difficulties, that it is not probable that it would be of any advantage to the public for many years; That the place Petitioned for by the said Martin & Dustin is much more advantageous for the public, as there is but very little difference in the length of the way and some very considerable hills shunned by passing at Martin's and Dustin's, which cannot by passing at the Falls before mentioned. It is therefore the opinion of the Committee that the place petitioned for by the said Martin & Dustin be established as a ferry under such restrictions as the Legislature may think proper."

Signed John Calfe, Archibald McMurphy, Committee.

3, P. M. in the House.

Upon motion whether the real Estate in new proportion in order for Taxes shall conform as to method to the last proportion made in this State,—the Yeas & Nays were called for, which are as follows:

Yeas.
Jedediah Jewett
Eph^r Robinson
Rob^t Wilson
John Underhill
Sam^l Weare
Mark Wiggin
Moses Leavitt
Eben^r Potter
Sam^l Gilman
Jn^o Fogg
Jn^o Eastman
Wm. Weeks
Tho^s Bartlett
Eph^m Pickering
Sam^l Jenness
Enoch Coffin
Jer^e Eastman
James Betton

Yeas
Sam^l McConnell
Tim^o Walker
John Waldron
Jn^o Smith
Jabez Dame
John Garland
Eben^r Smith
Steph^n Herriman
John Hubbard
27 Yeas.

Nays
Geo. Gains
David Tilton
John Calfe
John Dudley
Caleb Dustin
James Gibson

Nays.
John Bryent
Herc^s Mooney
David Page
Jacob McGaw
Wm. Burns
Benj^a French
Dan^l Emerson
Sam^l Caldwell
Wm. Abbot
Nath^l Bean
Eph^m Adams
Joseph Symonds
Levi Spaulding
Wm. Smiley
Abner Stone
Elisha Whitcomb
Abs^m Kingsbury

Nays
Oliver Booth
Neh^h Houghton
Sam^l Chase
Joseph Senter
Edw^d Everett
Jer^e Eames
Jacob Copland
30 Nays.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on issuing Notes for depreciation of soldiers wages for the years 1780 and 1781—viz, "That for the year 1781, Notes should not be issued till further orders, nor for the year 1780 until the officer or soldiers shall personally appear to take the same, or the person who shall produce an order will give Bond with good sufficient sureties within this State to make good the Damage if it shall hereafter appear that the order was forged or unfairly obtained."

[P. 375.] Vote regulating the manner of making up the Rolls of the Companies of Soldiers who served on the frontiers last summer: viz. "That they be allowed five days to prepare themselves prior to their marching from home, and that they be allowed equal to one days pay for every twenty miles travel from their respective homes to the place of rendezvous, and that the Rolls be made up accordingly."(1)

Vote granting full wages to Peter Barter an invalid soldier at Fort Washington.

Vote requiring the several Towns in this State to bring in their accounts to the Committee on Claims for supplying soldiers families.

Vote to disannex Samuel Chamberlin, Abiel Chamberlin, Samuel Chamberlin, jun & Benjamin Thompson from the Parish of Loudon, and to annex them to the Town of Concord.

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(1) See Journal of the House.—ED.

Vote appointing Ephraim Pickering Esq^r of Newington a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

[P. 376.] Vote appointing Oliver Capron Esq^r of Richmond, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing Peter Clement Esq^r of Atkinson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Vote appointing Samuel Daniel Esq^r of Pembrook a Justice of the Peace for the County of Rockingham.

Vote appointing Edward Bucknam of Lancaster, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the method to be taken with the towns who are delinquent in getting their soldiers, [to wit.]

That a resolve be passed to lengthen the time for the delinquent Towns to procure their men & have them mustered until the first day of January next, & that proper officers be appointed to muster, & give receipts for said men as heretofore until that time, & that the several Sherriffs be ordered to make returns of the Extents now in their hands into the Treasury office by the first day of February next. Signed Nich^s Gilman for the Committee.

Friday, November 22^d, 1782.

Vote desiring the President to make out Brevets for Capt. Caleb Robinson and Lieut. Joseph Potter to take rank in the army agreeably to a Letter from Col^o Reid.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the state of the Matross Company at Portsmouth, viz. "That Capt. Salter retain the Lieutenant and Eighteen men of the Matross Company under his command in the service of the State, and that he be ordered to discharge all above that number from said service."

Vote to pay Samuel Dearborn £4, Jonathan Robbins £3: 15, Samuel Emerson, Esq^r £1: 1, Capt. Joshua Copp Esq^r 12*s*, James Brown £2, in full for their services; and to pay the acc^t of Timothy Walker, Esq^r amounting to £17 : 9 : 6.

[P. 377.] Resolve for the Treasurer to issue Extents against all those Towns delinquent in paying their Taxes for any year prior to the year 1782.

Saturday, Nov^r 23^d, 1782.

An Act to incorporate a place called Alexandria in the County of Grafton, & to enable said town to assess and collect money on Residents & on lands of non-Residents, to make a Road through said town, read three times & voted that the same be enacted.

[P. 378.] Resolve relative to raising this State's Quota of Continental Troops.

[From the Journal of the House, November 22^{d}, 1782.]

Whereas it is most earnestly requested by his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington, for this State immediately to compleat their Battalions in the Continental line:—

Therefore Resolved, That the time for the several delinquent Towns and places within this State for raising their several quotas of men agreeable to an act for that purpose passed March 21st, 1782, be and hereby is lengthened to the first day of January 1783, and the said delinquent Towns are hereby earnestly requested to compleat their respective quotas and cause them immediately to be mustered by the Muster-masters to be appointed for that purpose or to satisfy the Executions against them respectively for that purpose by paying the money on or before the first day of January next, that thereby the State may be enabled otherways to raise said men: And it is further Resolved that the several Sherriffs in this State be hereby ordered & directed to make return of the several Executions now in their hands against the delinquent Towns in this State for their non-compliance with the aforesaid Act on or before the first day of February 1783.

Vote to pay the Roll of Capt. Ebenezer Webster amounting to £792: 6: 4.

Vote to pay the acc^{t} of Jacob Abbott, Esq. amounting to £5: 16, in full for his service as a special Justice of the Superior Court, also for allowing other persons serving in said office 12*s* pr. day & four pence pr. mile travel.

Resolve directing how the Courts of Justice shall proceed with actions bro't against Estates of absentees.(1)

An Act to authorize & impower John Stearns of Watertown in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to sell & convey certain lands situate in the parishes of Deerfield and Northwood in the township of Nottingham, belonging to his children, having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Payments voted to Civil officers and others.

To Hon^{bl} Sam^{l} Livermore, Chief Justice,	£60
Hon^{ble} Woodbury Langdon, Puisne Justice,	45
John Sullivan, Esq. Att. Gen^{l}	30
Nath^{l} Adams, clerk of Sup. Court,	10
Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare, Pres^{t} of the Council	120
Nicholas Gilman, Esq^{r} Treas^{r}	200
Eben^{r} Thompson, Esq. Sec^{y}	45
Meshech Weare, as Chief Justice,	55
Matthew Thornton, Esq., puisne Justice,	37: 10
Leverett Hubbard, Esq. Do.	75

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(1) See Journal of the House, Nov. 22, 1782.—ED.

Rev^d Isaac Mansfield, praying with the Assembly	3
Rev. Daniel Rogers, Do	3
Col. Timothy Walker, "for his father's praying with the General Assembly,"	3
The Pay Roll of Capt. Jona. Smith,	194: 11: 2
The Roll & acc^t of Serj. James Ladd,	59: 7: 4
Acct. of Minus Daniels,	2: 15.
Acct. of Samuel Brooks,	2: 2.

Vote for the Committee of Safety to settle with Lieut. Joseph Huntoon respecting a Barrell of Beef which he received of the State & says was damaged.

Vote to adjourn the General Court without day.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^y.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire at their first session, begun and holden at the State House in Portsmouth on the third Wednesday of December 1782, being the 18th day of said month.

[NOTE. No list of the members of the House of Representatives, 1782–3 has been found; but the names of most, if not all, are ascertained by the call for the yeas and nays at several times during the sessions of the year, to which readers are referred. —ED.]

Members of the Council.

The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare
The Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett
Nich^{s} Gilman,
John McClary
Woodbury Langdon
George Frost
John Wentworth
Timothy Farrar
Jacob Abbot
Benj^{a} Bellows
Tho^{s} Sparhawk
Francis Worcester
Eben^{r} Thompson, Sec^{y}.
Joseph Pearson.

[*Copied from Records of the Council.*]

[P. 381.] Wednesday 18th, 1782, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the first meeting of the General Court annually, Five of the returned members of Council attended at Portsmouth, the place appointed by the Precepts.

Thursday, Dec^{r} 19th, 1782.

The elected members of Council attended, viz. The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett Nicholas Gilman, John McClary, Woodbury Langdon, George Frost, John Wentworth, Esq^{rs} who after taking the usual oaths appointed by Law, proceeded to the choice of a President & unanimously made choice of the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq^{r} for that office.

Mr. Langdon was sent by the Board to inform the House that the Council had formed a Board & was ready to proceed to the choice of a Secretary.

[From the Journal of the House, Dec^{r} 18th & 19th, 1782.]

The House met and the Hon^{ble} President came in with a member of the Hon^{ble} Council & administered the proper Oaths to the members present.

December 19th, 1782.

Voted to choose a Speaker of the House, and the ballots being taken, it appears that the Hon^{ble} John Dudley Esq^{r} is chosen Speaker of the House.

John Smith Esq^{r} was chosen Clerk, and John Calfe Esq^{r} assistant clerk of the House.

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r} be and he hereby is appointed Secretary of this State to continue until another shall be appointed.—[Concurred.]

Voted Mr. Joseph Pearson be and he is hereby appointed a Deputy Secretary for this State, to continue until another shall be appointed in his stead. [Concurred.]

Voted, That the Hon^{ble} Nicholas Gilman Esq^{r} be and he hereby is appointed Treasurer of this State to continue until another shall be appointed in his stead. [Concurred.]

December 20th, 1782.

P. M.

Voted That the Election of Col. James Hill as a member for New Market be considered as irregular & insufficient to entitle him to a seat in the House. Upon which the Yeas & Nays were demanded, and stand as follows.

Yeas.

Nath^{l} Folsome
Joseph Cram
Jacob Chase
Sam^{l} Weare
Sam^{l} Dudley
Mark Wiggin
Moses Leavitt
Moses Shaw
Joseph Dow
Jn^{o} Eastman
Tho^{s} Bartlett
Reuben Clough
Nathan Goss
Nath^{l} Peabody
John Calfe
Jn^{o} Dudley
Jn^{o} Allen

Yeas.

Abiel Foster
Jn^{o} Smith
Dan^{l} Meserve
Jn^{o} Waldron
Jn^{o} Garland
Joseph Badger
Eben^{r} Smith
Jn^{o} Orr
Sam^{l} Marsh
Moses Nichols
Jon^{a} Chase
Jon^{a} Cram
Sam^{l} Philbrick
Philip Putnam
Carr Huse
Waldron Stone
John Preston

Yeas.

Francis Blood
Levi Spaulding
Francis Toune
Wm. Barker
Abel Stevens
Joseph Whipple
Moses Dow
Jn^{o} Duncan
Tho^{s} Baldwin.
43 Yeas.

Nays.

Geo. Atkinson
Jn^{o} Pickering
Rob^{t} Steward
Geo. Gains
James Betton

Nays.

Caleb Hodgdon
Moses Carr
Jn^{o} McDuffee
David Copp
Eleaz^{r} Davis
Jon^{a} Blanchard
Rich^{d} C. Shannon
Elisha Whitcomb
John Hubbard
Dudley Chase
Eben^{r} Green
Henry Gerrish
17 Nays.

Monday, December 23d, 1782.

[P. 383.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board, to draught an Address to be presented to the commander-in-chief of his most Christian Majesty's Forces in the Port of Piscataqua,—Mr. Langdon & Mr. Wentworth joined [with Col^{o} Peabody, Mr. Whipple, & Mr. Foster of the house.]

Tuesday, Dec^{r} 24th, 1782.

[P. 384.] Vote that the town of Cornish in future shall be allowed to send a representative to the General Assembly, and that the towns of Plainfield and Grantham be coupled & entitled to the same privileges.

Wednesday, Decr 25th, 1782.

[P. 385.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of the petitions respecting the admission of Mrs. Jane Holland into this State—Mr. Langdon & Mr. McClary joined [with Col° Smith, Col° Runnels, & Mr. Whipple of the house.]

[P. 387.] Vote That Capt. Reuben Dow of Hollis be desired to appear before the General Court on the 2d Thursday of next Session to shew cause (if any he hath) why he should not be struck off the list of pensioners of this State.

Thursday, December 26th, 1782.

Vote appointing Capt. Josiah Gilman of Exeter to keep the accounts of the State with Individuals, together with sundry directions: [to wit.]

That he keep the State accounts and enter in a proper manner in a Book or Books to be provided for that purpose, all orders drawn by the President or chairman of the Committee of Safety, from and after the first day of January next (excepting orders drawn for the balances of soldiers wages on Rolls made up and allowed) and certify on the orders their being so entered, and that the said Gilman should as soon as may be post up and bring forward all accounts between the State & Individuals to the first day of said January next, & that he be fully impowered to recover for the use of the State, all Debts due to the State either on accounts, Bonds, or any other way.

Vote to forbid Mrs. Jane Holland, wife of Col° Stephen Holland & her children from coming into this State.

Vote to accept of the Committee on promotions in the army; viz. "That the President be desired to furnish brevetts to each officer agreeably to the list of Promotions exhibited to the General Court and Signed by George Reid, Lieut. Col° Commandant, & Henry Dearborn, Lieut. Col° commanding the 1st New Hampshire Regiment.

[P. 388.] Vote appointing Joseph Skinner Esqr a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Abiel Foster, Esqr a Special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature.

Address to the Commander of the French Forces, &c.

[From the Journal of the House, Decr 26, 1782.]

To his Excellency the Count de Vaudrevil, Commander of the Forces of his most Christian Majesty, in the State of New Hampshire:

SIR—

The Council and House of Representatives for the State of New

Hampshire in General Court assembled, deeply impressed with the most grateful sense of the high obligations which this and other United States are under to your Excellency and the brave forces under your command, for the gallant and glorious exertions in support of American Independency, and the rights of mankind, eagerly embrace the present moment to express it, and to assure your Excellency that it will be no small addition to our future happiness to reflect that we were, next to Heaven, indebted for it to a Nation and a Monarch the most disinterested & magnanimous on earth. Amidst the glow of gratitude for general obligations, permit us to return our warmest thanks to your Excellency for your peculiar attention to the peace and interest of this State; for the singular order and discipline preserved among those under your command; for the great and signal improvements planned & executed under your direction for fortifying and defending this harbour, and for that unsolicited readiness discovered on all occasions in the protection of our sea-coasts & Navigation—these considerations alone convince us how essential your longer stay is to our interest and security; but when we reflect on that peculiar friendship, politeness & urbanity so conspicuous in your Excellency, and all the worthy officers whom you have the happiness to command, which has highly endeared you to the citizens of this State, we cannot but sincerely regret your intended speedy departure. Whatever may be your destination, may you be favoured with the auspices of Heaven; may all your generous exertions be crowned with success; may you still continue the scourge of Tyrants and the shield of the oppressed, till Freedom and Independency be secured to these States, and peace & happiness to all mankind.

State of New Hampshire—
In the House of Representatives, Dec^r 27^th 1782.

Voted unanimously, That the Hon^bl Woodbury Langdon, Nathaniel Peabody & Joseph Whipple Esq^rs be & hereby are appointed to wait on his Excellency, the Count de Vaudreuil, and in the name of the General Assembly present the foregoing address. Sent up for concurrence—
John Dudley, Speaker.

In Council read & Concurred.
M. WEARE, President.

Friday, December 27^th 1782.

[P. 389.] Vote for the Committee of Safety to furnish the recruits that are or may be raised, with provisions necessary to enable them to march to join the army.

[P. 390.] Vote that when the Business of this Session is over the General Court shall adjourn to Exeter.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to nominate ten persons, five of whom to be appointed a Committee of Safety. Mr. Worcester, & Mr. Frost joined [with Mr. Foster, Doct. Carr, Gen^l Nichols, Maj^r Whitcomb & Mr. Dow of the House.]

Saturday Dec^r^ 28^th^ 1782.

An Act to enable the North and South Parishes in Portsmouth to assess their parochial charges on the Pews in the meeting-houses belonging to said Parishes, & to direct in what mode the same shall be collected, was read a third time & Voted that the same be enacted.

[P. 391.] Vote to pay Ensign Lemuel Mason one months wages (he having received nothing of the Board of War.)

Vote to pay the account of Richard Wood for waiting on the General Court this Session.

[P. 392.] Vote appointing five persons to be a Committee of Safety for this State: viz. The Hon^ble^ Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, John Dudley, John Calfe & Nathaniel Folsom, Esq^rs^.

Vote for the members of the General Court, Secretaries and Clerks, for this session, and the Committee of Safety in recess of the General Court to receive the same pay as was voted last session.

Vote impowering the Committee of Safety to make a settlement with the officers & soldiers of the New Hampshire line, for their wages and subsistance money for the years 1781, & 1782.

Vote to adjourn the General Court to the Second Wednesday in February next, then to meet at Exeter.

Attest— E. THOMPSON, Sec^y^.

Letter from Hon. John T. Gilman, in Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 92.]

Philadelphia, Jan^y^ 9^th^, 1783.

SIR—

You will receive herewith (by favor of Gen^l^ Whipple) the printed Resolutions of Congress from May to November 1782. You have likewise a Package containing the Blank Commissions which you wrote to the Secretary for. You will see by the Papers that Charlestown is evacuated—this will give great relief to the Southern States; we have not any accounts from General Greene—no particulars except what was taken from a New York paper.

The Subject of Continental Currency has been repeatedly debated, committed, reported upon, &c. On the 7^th^ Inst. it was taken up: I inclose you a copy of the proceedings, by which you will see that the proposition for receiving of it at the rate of forty for one, as also that of seventy-five for one, is rejected. I believe there is no State in the Union which have collected the quota assigned them, excepting New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: it appears that about one-half part of the whole money emitted by Congress have been paid into the Treasurys or is now in the hands of individuals in those three States. The State of Massachusetts have made repeated representations to Congress on this Subject; what measures they will take next I cannot say. I think there is not a prospect of any thing being done in Congress at present that will give satisfaction to those States who hold more than their proportion of the money.

There is a Committee of officers from the Army now here; they want some money to relieve their present Necessities to be paid immediately; a settlement and security for the arrears of Pay, Rations &c, and Security for the half-pay promised them by the Resolutions of Congress; —this business is now under consideration;—what can or will be done I cannot say.

Am daily expecting some further accounts from our Commissioners in Europe, by which we may be able to determine the Intentions of the enemy respecting Peace.

I have the honor to be
Your most obed^t serv^t.
JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN.

Hon^{bl} Meshech Weare.

PEACE.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 102.]

L' Orient, 27 January 1783.

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that the Preliminary Articles of Peace(1) between France, Spain and Great Britain were signed the 20th at Versailles, and that a cessation of Hostilities is to take place between all the Powers at War, as soon as they are ratified. All captures made after the following Periods are to be restored: The time to commence from the ratification.

In the Channel and North Seas, after....................	12 days.
From the Channel and North Seas, to the Canary Islands either in the Ocean or Mediterranean,	1 month.
Thence to the Equinoctial Line or Equator,	2 months.
In every other part of the Globe,	5 months.

I sincerely congratulate you on this happy Event, and remain with great respect, Sir, Your Excellency's
Most Obed^t Humb^l Serv^t.
THOS. BARCLAY.

His Excellency the Governor of the
State of New Hampshire.

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(1) For the full official documents that contain and relate to the articles of peace, reference must be had to the journals and proceedings of Congress at that period.—ED.

Letter from Hon. John T. Gilman, in Congress.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 104.]

(Extract.) Philad^a^, Jan'y 29^th^, 1783.

SIR—"I inclose you Copy of the Resolutions which have been passed on the subject of a Memorial from the officers of the army.(1) I fully expected the States would have been called upon to compleat the settlements to the last Day of December (at least) but this was over-ruled. What measures the Superintendant of Finance will take for effecting the settlements after August 1780, I cannot say; no doubt they will be such as shall appear to him most likely to produce the best general effect. As to a settlement being made by the several States for retained Rations &c. this was one of the articles contained in the Memorial; the Report on which was committed & is now under consideration."

I have the honor to be,
Your most obed^t^ serv^t^
JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN.

Proceedings of the General Assembly of New Hampshire at their second session, held at Exeter, by adjournment, February 12th 1783.

Copied from Records of the Council.

[P. 393.] Thursday, February 13th 1783.

Vote for both Houses to meet in Committee to morrow to take under consideration sundry matters before them.

[From the Journal of the House, Feb^y^ 13.]

Upon motion made whether the return on the precept from the town of Epping should entitle the person chosen to a seat in this House, it passed in the negative. Whereupon Voted, That a precept issue to the town of Epping, for the choice of a Representative to represent said Town until the third Wednesday in December next.

Saturday, Feb^y^ 15th 1783.

[After the joint meeting of both Houses.] Vote for the several sheriffs in this State to make return of the Extents in their hands against Towns delinquent in their quotas of soldiers, and for the Treasurer to issue alias's.

[P. 395.] Monday, February 17th 1783.

Vote to add John Pickering Esq^r^ to the Committee for drafting Bills.

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(1) For the memorial of the officers of the army, the resolutions of Congress relative thereto, and all public acts pertaining to the close of the war, disbanding of the army, &c., reference must be had to our general histories and to Congressional documents. —ED.

Vote for Joel Proctor & Benjamin Berry two soldiers, to receive each two months pay.

Letter from Hon. John Sullivan.

Durham, Feby 17th 1783.

SIR—On the 30th of December last, I received a Resolve of Assembly inclosed in a letter from President Weare, with directions to take measures for preventing the return of Mrs. Holland into this State. I therefore take the liberty of informing the Assembly of the steps I pursued in consequence. The inclosed Copies will show the measures I adopted, which I hope will meet the approbation of your Honble body. I am exceedingly mortified to find that my efforts to discharge myself from a debt of gratitude I owed Colo Holland, have plunged me into fresh obligations: when I inclosed him a copy of the permit for his wife's return, I solicited the enlargement of an officer confined at New York, & pray'd his influence in his behalf: The officer was released & has returned home, & Mrs. Holland who, I am informed had begun her journey, has been directed to return.

I am convinced that every political consideration urged the Assembly to adopt the line of conduct which they have pursued; but I am far from supposing that the safety of the State was the only motive which influenced the Petitioners. Tenderness for those of our own party which may unfortunately fall into the hands of the enemy as well as the common feelings of humanity, should have taught them, that among civilized Nations it is held necessary to grant to an Enemy every indulgence which may not operate against the public Interest, as an inducement to prevent the opposite party from running into measures which none but savages ought to adopt & from which no solid advantages can be derived.

I am, very respectfully, Sir, your
most obedient Servant
JNO SULLIVAN.

Honble John Dudley Esqr
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

[P. 396.] Wednesday, February 19th 1783.

Vote appointing Nathaniel Folsom Esqr one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

Vote appointing Abiel Foster Esqr one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

Thursday, February 20th 1783.

[P. 397.] Vote to raise a Tax of £55,000 to supply the Treasury for the current year.

Vote giving leave to Simeon Smith to sell a lott of land in Northfield the property of his Son, a minor.

[P. 398.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to consider of a Letter from Mr. Morris the financier, respecting the appointment of a Commissioner to settle accounts between this State & the United States.(1) Mr. Langdon & Mr. Bartlett joined [with Gen^{l} Badger, Doct. Preston, Gen^{l} Folsome, Mr. McGregore & Col^{o} Bartlett of the House.]

An Act to enable the guardians of Mehitable Treadwell to convey certain lands of their said Ward situate in the towns of Temple & Wilton, in the County of Hillsborough, to Jacob Abbott & Francis Blood, Esq^{rs} having been read three times, Voted that the same be enacted.

Vote to put off the determination of whether Capt. Reuben Dow be struck off the list of Pensioners of this State or not, until the Second Wednesday of next session.

[P. 399.] Friday, February 21st 1783.

Vote to accept the report of the Committee on the petition of Daniel Brown & other Inhabitants of Poplin, praying to be annexed to the Parish of Hawke & to grant the prayer of said petition.

Vote to grant the prayer of the petition of the Proprietors of Sandwich, relative to taxing lands given for the use of Philips Exeter Academy, viz. "That all lands given for the benefit of the Academy in Exeter, be subject to all proprietary Taxes so long as they shall be held in trust for that purpose, and after the property thereof shall be transferred, that said lands shall be subject to the same Taxes as other private Lands within this State, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly."

Vote for an Inventory of all ratable estate to be taken & returned to the Secretarys Office by the 10th of June next in order to make a proportion of the State Tax.

That said Inventory be made and returned in Columns agreeable to the following form.(2)

[The said form contains the following particulars.—ED.]

No. of Polls from 18 to 75 years of age.
No. of male negroes & mulatto servants from 16 to 45 years of age.
No. of female negro & mulatto Servants from 16 to 45 years of age.
No. of Acres of Orchard Land.
No. of Acres of Tillage land.
No. of Acres of Mowing land.
No. of Acres of Pasture land.

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(1) Said Letter is found on file in Vol. IX, MS. State Pap., Revn., p. 130.—ED.

(2) See Journal of the House, Feb. 20, 1783.—ED.

No. of Horses & mares.
No. of Oxen.
No. of Cows.
No. of horses & cattle three years old.
No. of horses & cattle two years old.
No. of horses and cattle one year old.
Yearly rent of mills, wharfs & ferries—repairs being deducted.
Sum total of the value of all buildings & real estate unimproved—owned by the Inhabitants.
Sum total of the value of all real estate, not owned by the Inhabitants.
Sum total of the value of Stock in trade.
Sum total of money in hand or at interest, not in public funds.

Vote to pay the account of Thomas W. Waldron, George Frost & Moses Carr, Esq^rs for receiving & counting Votes for Councillors for the County of Strafford for several years, amounting to £4 : 13 : 4.

Vote for the estate of John Fenton, Esq^r an absentee not to be considered as taken in by the Act of sequestration.

Saturday, February 22^d, 1783.

[p. 401.] Vote to desire the Hon^bl Woodbury Langdon, Esq^r to continue as a Justice of the Superior Court, his resignation notwithstanding.

Monday, Feb^y 24^th, 1783.

Vote to accept of the resignation of Timothy Ellis Esq^r as Col^o of one of the Regiments of Militia in this State.

Wednesday, February 26^th, 1783.

[p. 402.] Vote to pay William Morrill a soldier in Capt. Stillson's Company, Col^o Wyman's Regiment in 1776, two months wages now due to him.

[p. 403.] Whereas by An Act passed the 8^th day of November Anno Domini, 1781, Jonathan Warner, Esq^r was enabled to sell so much of the real Estate of John Tufton Mason Esq^r as should be sufficient to pay said Warner's demand against said Mason limited by said Act to the sum of seventy-five pounds in Bills of the new Emission, And also, so much more of said Estate as would be sufficient to pay the Taxes that had been or should be assessed on said Estate; And whereas by an Act passed the 25^th day of March A. D. 1782, for confiscating the estates of sundry subjects of this State & of the other United States of America, who have since the commencement of Hostilities between Great Britain & the United States, gone over to the enemy; Also the estates of the subjects of Great Britain lying within this State :—The said Warner's intermeddling any further with the estate of said Mason is unnecessary & improper:—

Therefore Resolved, That the said Warner be forbidden and prohibited to sell any more of said Estate & that any further sale he shall make of said lands be void & of none effect :—

And it is further resolved, That the President be desired in the name of the General Court to require the said Warner to lay before said Court at their next Session, his account with the said Mason, and of all the lands he has sold in pursuance of the first mentioned Act, & how the money arising from the sales has been disposed of. Sent down for Concurrence—[Concurred.]

[P. 404.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board, to draft a resolve recommending to the several Towns & places in this State, the continuance of the present plan of Government, till the 10th of June, A. D. 1784, unless a permanent plan of Government shall take place sooner.—Concurred—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Wentworth & Mr. Farrar joined [with John Pickering Esqr Genl Folsome, Colo Peabody, Colo Walker, Genl Badger, Genl Nichols & Mr. Foster, of the House.]

Vote appointing the Honble Josiah Bartlett Esqr one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

Vote appointing the Hon. John Calfe Esqr one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham.

Thursday, February 27th, 1783.

[P. 405.] Vote directing how the soldiers who served six months in the year 1781 shall be paid, viz. "That the Committee on Claims make out pay rolls for the said men on receiving their several discharges, and make out Certificates of the sums due to them respectively; and that the Honble the President, on receiving such Certificates be desired to draw orders, on the Treasurer for the payment of the same out of the Taxes."(1)

Vote ascertaining the pay of the members of the General Court this Session.

[From the Journal of the House, Feby 27th, 1783.]

Voted, That the members of the Council & House of Representatives be paid for their attendance during this Session seven shillings & six pence per day.

Upon the foregoing vote the Yeas & Nays being called for stand as follows : (viz.)

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(1) See House Journal.—Ed.

Yeas.

Dan^{l} Runnels
Moses Leavitt
Moses Shaw
Joseph Dow
Robert Stewart

Yeas.

Wm. Weeks
Tho^{s} Bartlett
Sam^{l} Weare
Nathan Goss
James Betton

Yeas

Rich^{d} Bartlett
Jn^{o} Hogg
Caleb Hodgdon
Jn^{o} Garland
Jn^{o} Orr

Yeas.

Richard Shannon
Henry Gerrish
Moses Nichols
Philip Putnam
Carr Huse

Yeas.

Jn^{o} Preston
Francis Blood
Dan^{l} Kingsbury
Wm. Barker
Levi Spaulding
Francis Towne
Elisha Whitcomb
Lemuel Holmes
Jn^{o} Duncan
Jn^{o} Hubbard
Jacob Copeland
Edw^{d} Everett
Moses Baker
Obadiah Clement
Eben^{r} Green
Jn^{o} Duncan ?(1)
36 yeas.

Nays

Jn^{o} Dudley
Geo. Gains
Nath^{l} Folsome
Jo^{s} Cram
Arc^{d} McMurphy
Wm. White
Sam^{l} Dudley
Mark Wiggin
James Hill
Jn^{o} Eastman
Eph^{m} Pickering
Jn^{o} Calfe
Jer^{e} Eastman
Nath^{l} Emerson
Jacob Butler
Tim^{o} Walker

Nays

Abiel Foster
Jn^{o} Smith
Jn^{o} Waldron
Jn^{o} McDuffee
David Copp
Jos. Badger
Eben^{r} Smith
Eleaz^{r} Davis
Jon^{a} Chase
Sam^{l} Filbrick
David Lewis
Jn^{o} Pickering
28 Nays.

Vote for paying the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Clerks of the House & Committees of Safety.

Vote That when the Business of this Session is over the General Court will adjourn to meet again at Concord.

An Act to prohibit the sale of lands of absentees and subjects of Great Britain for Taxes, read three times & Voted that the same be enacted.

Vote appointing Ebenezer Thompson Esq^{r} one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

[From the Journal of the House, Feb^{y} 27th, 1783.]

Whereas by the various accounts from Europe it is highly probable that a general peace among the Belligerant powers will very soon take place, which desirable event, should it happen before a permanent Government be adopted by the inhabitants of this State, must render the further continuance of the present government absolutely necessary for the security of the lives, liberties, & properties of the Citizens thereof;—Therefore to guard against the dreadful evils naturally flowing from anarchy, and to secure the blessings resulting from the present, till a more eligible permanent plan of Government can be established:

RESOLVED as the unanimous sense of the Council and House of Representatives for this State, That the present Government be continued in its full force till the tenth day of June 1784, notwithstanding a general pacification should take place in the mean time, provided a permanent plan of Government for this State should not be established antecedent to that period:—And it is hereby earnestly recommended to the Inhabitants of this State to give their serious & immediate attention to this momentous & important object; and the Selectmen of the several Towns and places within this State are hereby requested to lay this Resolve before the inhabitants of the same at their next annual meetings, if received before such meetings be finished; if not so received, then at meetings to be called for that purpose as soon as may be, and to request Such inhabitants to signify by vote their approbation or disapprobation of continuing the present Government according to the aforementioned resolve; and the clerks of the several Towns & places aforesaid are hereby directed to certify the same to the Committee of Safety for this State at Exeter on or before the fifteenth day of April next, in order that the Legislature may be ascertained of the sentiments of their constituents, touching the matter so intimately connected with the being of Government & the happiness of the subjects: The Legislature while fully convinced of the Utility & necessity of continuing the present Government for the term and reasons aforesaid, are deeply impressed with a sense of the necessity and importance of having a free & permanent government established in this State, and cannot omit this opportunity to recommend to their constituents a more particular & serious attention to an object so essential to the Security and happiness *of* themselves and posterity, That the citizens of this State would in future be more general and explicit in their returns concerning a matter of such magnitude.

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(1) This name is found twice.—ED.

Friday, February 28th 1783.

[P. 406.] Resolve that the present form of Government be continued in its full force until the tenth day of June 1784, notwithstanding a general pacification should take place in the mean time.

An Act to make the estate of John Fenton Esqr an absentee from this State liable to the payment of his Debts & subject to the attachments for that purpose—read three times & voted that the same be enacted.

Vote appointing Thomas Bartlett, Esqr a special Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature for this State.

Vote appointing John McDuffee Esqr a Special Justice of the Superior Court for this State.

[P. 407.] Vote appointing Col° Samuel Hunt Sheriff of the County of Cheshire in the room of Col° Enoch Hale, who is dismissed.

Vote to pay William Parker, Esqr six pounds in full of his account for drawing Bills for the General Court.

Vote to pay the Roll of Col° Stephen Evans, amounting to £28 : 4.

Resolve for the Loan officer in this State to pay off the interest due on monies loaned in his office & in case he shall not have money, to liquidate those securities and issue Certificates for the interest.

[P. 408.] Vote appointing the Honbl Jonathan Blanchard a Delegate to the Continental Congress.

Vote for the Treasurer to discount out of the Taxes of Sandwich for the year 1781 & 1782, £18 : 3 : 9 in specie, being the amount of Taxes on land in said town belonging to Exeter Academy.

An act to repeal a clause in an Act passed the 27th day of June 1782, entitled An Act for the encouraging of the taking up & securing deserters from the New Hampshire line of the Continental Army & for punishing those persons who harbour or secrete them, knowing them to be such—read three times & Voted that the same be enacted.

Saturday March 1st, 1783.

An Act to enable the Judges of Probate in the several Counties to settle the estates of absentees.

[P. 409.] Vote to enroll sundry officers & soldiers of this State, who have been wounded, & for them respectively to receive pay as therein set forth(1) & to pay the account of Daniel Dearborn amounting to £24 : 4 : 3, ["for medicines to Eliphalet Veasey," &c.]

Vote to pay the balance of the account of Colo Nathaniel Peabody amounting to £213 : 12 : 8, for his service as a member of Congress.

Vote appointing Benjamin Bellows and Thomas Sparhawk, Esqrs Commissioners to administer to Colo Samuel Hunt the necessary Oaths to qualify him to act as Sheriff of the County of Cheshire, also to receive Bonds from said Sheriff.

Vote for the Honbl Abiel Foster to have out of the Treasury one hundred & twenty pounds to be accounted for by him [" as a delegate for this State."]

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee on the propriety of sending Delegates to meet in Convention at Hartford, Delegates from the other New England States & the State of New York; [to wit.]

That they have taken into their consideration the Resolve of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the thirteenth of February last, and it is their opinion that the method of laying impost duties proposed

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(1) See table of names of sick and wounded officers and soldiers, on a subsequent page of this volume.—ED.

in said Resolve will be unequal & hurtful to this State; and as this State impowered Congress to lay such Duties, which they still think preferable to the method proposed by said Resolve, that it is not best to appoint Delegates as therein proposed. Signed Josiah Bartlett, for the Committee.

Acc^t^ of Minos Daniels for waiting on the House, pd £4: 16.

Balance of Acc^t^ of Moses Nichols, Esq^r^ Commissary at Amherst, pd. £3.

Paid Hon^ble^ Samuel Livermore, £45: for service as Chief Justice.

Balance of Acct. of Joseph Whipple, pd. £39: 12 : 8.

[From the Journal of the House, March 1^st^, 1783.]

Voted, That Capt. Ebenezer Green be and he hereby is appointed Lieut. Col. of the twelfth regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That Joshua Howard Esq^r^ be & he hereby is appointed first Major of the twelfth regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That Capt. Edwards Bucknam be and he hereby is appointed a second Major of the twelfth Regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That David Webster Esq^r^ of Plymouth be and he hereby is appointed Colonel of the eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That Moses Baker, Esq^r^ of Campton be and he is hereby appointed a Lieut. Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That Alexander Craige, Esq^r^ of Rumney be and he hereby is appointed first Major of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State.

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Emmons of New Chester be and he is hereby appointed Second Major of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State.(1)

Vote for Capt. Josiah Gilman to attend the General Court at Concord next Session, as Committee on Claims.

Vote to adjourn the General Assembly to the Second Tuesday in June next, then to meet at Concord.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^y^.

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(1) It does not appear from the Records of the Council that the several foregoing appointments were concurred.—ED.

NAMES OF SICK OR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Names of sick or wounded officers and soldiers, and of those who suffered losses in the war, as reported from time to time, by the Standing Committee for that purpose: showing what was done for their relief, and the time when. [See *ante*, Feb. 11, 1778.]

Names.	*Date.*	*Their Condition.*	*Relief.*
Lt. Daniel McMurphy	Feb. 26.	Wounded at Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777, (entitled to pensions)	£30: 0:0
Archelaus Batchelder, Serj.	Do.	do. do.	30: 0:0
Ebenezer Frye	Feb. 26.	Lost clothing at Ticonderoga,—captives in Canada	100: 0:0
James Carr		do. do.	100: 0:0
Caleb Robinson		do. do.	100: 0:0
Thomas Hardie		do. do.	100: 0:0
Moses Dustin		do. do.	100: 0:0
Joshua Merrow		do. do.	100: 0:0
William Bradford		do. do.	100: 0:0
Asa Senter		do. do.	100: 0:0
		Each to join the army, and account for the money rec'd(1)	
Capt. James Ford,	Feb. 27.	wounded at Bennington, 16 Aug. 1777.	Half pay four months.
"		Loss of his gun & bayonet,	6: 0:0
"		Surgeon's bill	3: 8:9
"		Nursing, during his cure,	4:16:0
Lt. John Orr	Feb'y 28.	badly wounded, Aug. 16, 1777.	half-pay as a pensioner.
"		For doctor's bill,	£100; to be accounted for.
Lt. Robert Barrett	Mar. 5.	Sick at Ticonderoga, 1776	£36 for expense of doctor &c.
Samuel Remicks		Wounded at Bennington	Entitled to half pay.
"		For doctor & nurses, pd.	£23:1:0.
Serg. John Robbe	Mar. 6.	Wounded at Bennington—	half-pay as pensioner.
			80 dollars allowed, to be accounted for
David Johnson	"	Lost a Gun, in Service,	£3:12:0

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(1) The said persons, included in brace, were reported on by a special committee.—Ed.

Names.	*Date.*	*Their Condition.*	*Relief.*
Dr. Abraham Downer	Mar. 6.	For doctoring Caleb Hunt, who was badly wounded, at Ticonderoga,	£ 2: 2:0
Do. Do.	"	For taking care of Benja. Phillips, a lame soldier	£ 3: 4:0
Joshua Gilman	Aug. 19	wounded at Bennington	£16:16, and half pay.(1)
Jeremiah Bartlett,	" 30	sick, on his way home,	£60: 0 in full.
Lt. Jona. Holton,	Do.	wounded at Bennington,	£11: 0:6, & half pay.(1)
Daniel Brown,	Do.	wounded at Bennington,	16:18:6, and half pay.
William Hazelton	Do	wounded at Bennington,	10:13:0 & half pay
Mrs. Jane Hix for her husband Barnard Hix	Do	who died in service—	4:11:8
Capt. Chase Taylor,	Do	wounded at Bennington,	16: 4:0, & half pay.
Joseph Merrill jun.		blinded with the small pox in the army,	11:11:2 & half pay.
Reuben Trussell	Oct. 31	Sick—doctored & nursed	£23:12:4 and half pay.(1)
Lt. Joseph Hilton	Do.	wounded, Oct. 7, 1777, at Stillwater	Entitled to half pay.(1)
Daniel Russell	Nov. 3.	Sick—Doctors bill & nursing	£42:13. Lawful money.
Hibbard Morrill	Nov. 5.	wounded, Oct. 7, 1777, at Stillwater	£27: & half pay.
Stephen Harris	Nov. 12.	for his son Joseph who was left sick on the road, to the Jerseys, and died,	£20: 9:4
Eleazer Martin	Do.	wounded, Sept. 19, 1777, near Saratoga.	£ 6: 4:0, & half pay.
William Sims	Do.	wounded at Bennington, Aug. 1777,	£ 8:12:0, & half pay
Joseph Patterson	Nov. 13.	wounded at White Plains, N. Y. losses.	£ 5:14.
Reuben Tarbel	Do.	lost a horse, at Ticonderoga.	£25: allowed him
Thomas Green	Nov. 14.	wounded at Bunker hill—	Half-pay, from Jan. 1776 to 1779.
Abraham Kimball	Do	wounded at Bennington	£27:14:6, & half pay, two years.
Anna Plummer	Nov. 16.	Her husband, Jabez Plummer wounded, near Stillwater, all'd	£13:16.
Caleb Winch,	Do	For his brother Samuel Winch, sick & nursed..........all'd	£ 2:05.
Waymouth Wallis	Nov. 21.	A soldier in Col. Stark's reg't 1776	Entitled to half-pay.(1)
James Harvey	Do.	A soldier in Col. Nichols regt. (R. I.)	£20: 5, for nursing &c.
Moses Hardie	Nov. 26.	For Cyrus Hardie, who died of small pox (for nursing, &c.)	£16: 4, in full.
Capt. Reuben Dow	Dec. 26.	wounded at Bunker hill,	Half pay one year & quarter pay 1777; till otherwise ordered.
John Simpson	Mar. 12, 1777.	wounded at Bunker hill,	Half pay three years.
Daniel Bussel	Do.	lost a leg in the war, 1776	Half pay from Jan. 1, 1777.
John Whitehorn	Mar. 18.	A poor wounded soldier.	£30: 0: 0.

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(1) The persons thus marked (1), together with Archibald McMillan, were, by vote of the Assembly, March 20, 1782, struck off from the list of half pay pensioners.—Ed.

Lt. James Crombie	" 20.		Half pay, from Sept. 1, 1778.
Lt. James Gould	" 20.	Sick—	£59: 12: 6, & half pay, Do.
Nehemiah Pierce	Ap'l 3	Wounded in service.	Half pay one year.
Jonathan Wooley	" Do.	Wounded in battle	£23: 6: 8, & half pay.
John Orr	" Do.	Wounded in battle—& sundry expences	£22: 19: 4.
William Wood	June 23	Wounded at Bunker hill	Half-pay for a certain time.
Stephen Chase	" Do.	damage done his house, as a barrack	£10.
Lt. Jonathan Emerson	Do.	Wounded at Saratoga	Half-pay, from Jan. 1st, 1779.
John McCoy	Do.	A marine, wounded on board the Ship Raleigh	Half-pay, from April 22d
William Hastings	" Do.	Wounded soldier, at R. I.	£49: 8 & Half-pay from Jan'y 1st
Lt. Joseph Huntoon	" 25	Wounded, Oct. 7, 1777.	Half pay from 1st Oct. 1778.
John Hazeltine	Nov. 5	An invalid soldier.	to receive clothing,
Thomas Packer, jun	" 9	for extra expense in Rhode Island	£31: 12
Nath'l Church	" "	lost his leg in battle at R. I.	£59: 12, & half pay.
Aaron Copps	"	wounded at Stillwater, 1777.	£71: 10 & half pay
Abner Miles	"	for expences when sick in R. I.	£50.
Ananias Tubbs	" 13.	for expences in getting wounds cured at battle of Bennington	46: 16
Lt. Joseph Huntoon	"	wounded at Saratoga—	30.
Robert Jarvis	"	Sick, of Col. Scammil's Regt.	60.
John Whitehorn	" 17	wounded at Ticonderoga.	£69: 18: 6 & half pay
John McCoy	"	recovered of wounds—	his half pay to cease
John Bean	Feb. 16.	Wounded in battle, 29th Aug. 1779.	half-pay.
Asa Putney	Mar. 8	Wounded at Bennington, 1777.	half pay.
Lt. Thomas Simpson	Ap. 25	Wounded at Bemis heights Oct. 7, 1777.	half pay.
Daniel Russell	June 12.	Wounded soldier	half pay.
Widow Sarah Adams	Jan'y 13, 1781.	for her husband Lt. Col. Adams, killed.	half-pay
John Orr	" 23d do	wounded at Bennington.	£4: 12: 8 (new Em.)
Moses Trussell	Ap. 7. Do	(from the time his whole pay ceased.)	half-pay.
Lt. Daniel McMurphy	June 19, Do	wounded	150 Dollars.
Aaron Copp	" "	wounded	50 Dollars.
Abraham Lawrence	Nov. 17. Do	wounded by Indians at Newtown	half pay.
Jonathan Margery	Jan. 16, '82.	be discharged from service	& struck off half pay roll.
Jeremiah Towle	June 15, do	invalid pensioner	half-pay as corporal.
Wm. Lakin	1783. Mar. 1.	invalid do.	half pay from time of discharge
Samuel Boyd	Do.	invalid do.	10s per month
Edward Evans	Do.	do.	half pay
Oliver Thurston	Do	wounded by a musket ball, Do.	two dollars per month.
Paris Richardson	Do	invalid pensioner, Do.	20s per month.
Abner Gage	Do.	Do	6s per month.
Silas Gill	Do	Do	half pay
Lt. Col. Benja. Titcomb	Do	Do	twenty dollars per month.

Enlistments suspended.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 148.]

By the United States in Congress assembled,
April 4, 1783.

Resolved, That the several States be required to suspend all Enlistments for any Regiment or Corps in the army of the United States until the further order of Congress.

CHAs THOMSON, Secy.

Report of a Committee of Congress, April 7th, 1783.

[State Pap. Vol. IX. p. 150.]

The Committee appointed to consider & report the proportions which the several States (for the present) bear towards each other in the requisitions of Congress, Have attended the service assigned to them, and submit the following proportions grounded upon the number of Inhabitants in the several States.

New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maryland produced authenticate Documents of their numbers.

In affixing the numbers of the other States, the Committee were obliged to govern themselves by such information as they could obtain.

The Numbers		Proportion to 1000 Dollars.
New Hampshire,	82,200	35.1
Massachusetts	350,000	149.6
Rhode Island	50,400	21.5
Connecticutt,	206,000	88.2
New York	200,000	85.2
New Jersey	130,000	55.5
Pennsylvania	320,000	136.8
Delaware	35,000	15.0
Maryland	220,700	94.3
Virginia	400,000	171.0
North Carolina	170,000	72.6
South Carolina	150,000	64.1
Georgia,	25,000	10.7
	2,339,300	1000 Dolls.

Two million, three hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred, Inhabitants.

Copy from the book. Attest— Jona Blanchard.

Proceedings of the General Assembly of New Hampshire at their third session, begun & holden at Concord on the Second Tuesday of June, 1783, being the 10th of said month.

[*Copied from Records of the Council.*]

[P. 411.] Wednesday, June 11th, 1783.

Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the Board to nominate a Treasurer, a Delegate to represent this State in Congress, and such Civil officers as may be wanting in the State. Concurred. Mr. Langdon, Mr. McClary, Mr. Bellows, Mr. Frost & Mr. Farrar joined [with Gen^{l} Folsome, Mr. Blanchard, Gen^{l} Badger, Capt. Holmes & Maj^{r} Baker.]

Vote for the President to make out a Brevet for Moses Page as a Lieutenant in Col^{o} George Reids Regiment.

Thursday, June 12th, 1783.

[P. 413.] Vote appointing the Hon^{ble} John T. Gilman Esq^{r} Treasurer of this State, to continue until another shall be appointed in his stead.

Friday, June 13th, 1783.

Vote to accept of the resignation of Col^{o} Enoch Hale, as Col^{o} of a Regiment of Militia in this State, and to thank him for his faithful services in that office.

Vote appointing the Hon^{bl} John Langdon Esq^{r} one of the Delegates to represent this State in Congress.

[P. 414.] Vote granting the prayer of the petition of the Selectmen of Conway for one Stephen Coffin to keep a Ferry over Saco River.

Saturday, June 14th, 1783.

Vote to pay the Balance of the account of Samuel Livermore, Esq^{r} amounting to Fifty three pounds, eighteen shillings.

[P. 415.] An Act explanatory of a clause in an Act, entitled an Act to incorporate an Academy in the town of Exeter, by the name of Phillips Exeter Academy, read three times & voted That the same be enacted.

Vote appointing Ebenezer Thompson, Esq^{r} a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature for this State in the room of the Hon^{bl} Woodbury Langdon Esq^{r} who has resigned.

Vote for both houses to meet in Committee on Tuesday next to take under consideration the Resolves of Congress received since the last Session of the General Assembly & any other matter which may then be tho't proper.

Monday, June 16th, 1783.

[P. 417.] Vote appointing John Hubbard, Esqr of Charlestown a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing Sanford Kingsbury Esqr of Claremont a Justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing David Lyon of Hinsdale a justice of the peace for the County of Cheshire.

Vote appointing Joseph Whitney of Dunstable a Coroner for the County of Hillsborough.

Tuesday, June 17th, 1783.

Vote directing Simeon Ladd keeper of the Goal in the County of Rockingham, to repair to the Town of Dunbarton, & there receive ["at the County line"] one John Stinson, a State prisoner & confine him in Exeter Goal, [" there to remain until the Board of War for this State, may have an opportunity of transporting him out of the United States, and that the President be desired to give order to the said Ladd, and notice to the Board of War accordingly."](1)

Wednesday, June 18th, 1783.

Vote containing sundry regulations relative to the Naval officer at Portsmouth: [to wit.]

That all fishing vessels give bond to the Custom House in a sufficient sum, to observe the Regulations of trade which have taken or may take place from time to time: That an Act pass for this purpose, and to permit all vessels from Great Britain to enter, and all vessels bound there to be cleared, as also to repeal the Act in addition to an Act for establishing a Naval office passed July 4th, 1781: That a suitable person be appointed to remove the Barracks from Jerry's Point, as also thirteen of the Smaller Cannon from the Forts Washington & Sullivan to Fort point: That a Guard to consist of one Lieutenant & five Privates be appointed and stationed at said Fort Point for the protection of the Harbour, and who are also to take charge of the Light House whenever the Legislature shall order the same to be repaired & lighted: That the issuing Commissary of provisions be discharged after he has adjusted his accounts with the Committee of Safety: That the ground on which the Forts Washington, Sullivan & that on Jerry's point stand, be delivered up to the owners: That the platforms and Barracks belonging to the Forts Washington & Sullivan be sold for the most they will fetch & the remainder of the Guns together with the warlike stores be carefully secured.

[P. 419.] Vote for a Committee to join a Committee of the

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(1) See Journal of the House, June 17, 1783.—ED.

Board, "to draft An Address to the inhabitants of this State respecting an alteration in several Articles of the Confederation of the United States as recommended by Congress, and such other matters as they judge necessary." Concurred—Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Farrar & Mr. Wentworth joined [with Mr. Whipple, Col^{o} Walker, Gen^{l} Badger, Mr. Foster and Capt. Everett of the House.]

Upon a motion whether the vote of yesterday respecting the sending out an Address to the people concerning a five per cent Duty recommended by Congress shall be reconsidered, the yeas & nays were called for, which stand as follows:

Yeas.

Jn^{o} Dudley
Nath^{l} Folsome
Joseph Cram
Dan^{l} Runnels
Arch^{d} McMurphy
Jacob Chase
Wm. White
Sam^{l} Weare
Moses Leavitt
Joseph Dow
Rob^{t} Steward
Jn^{o} Eastman
Wm. Weeks
Reuben Clough
John Calfe
Nath^{l} Emerson
Jacob Butler
Richard Bartlett
Tim^{o} Walker
Abiel Foster
Jn^{o} Waldron
Jn^{o} Garland
Joseph Badger

Yeas.

Eben^{r} Smith
David Page
Nathan Hoyt
Sam^{l} Marsh
Moses Nichols
Jon^{a} Chase
Phillips Putnam
David Lewis
Levi Spaulding
WysemanClagett
Dan^{l} Kingsbury
Wm. Barker
Benj^{a} Giles
Jn^{o} Duncan, jun^{r}
Jacob Copeland
Edward Everett
Moses Baker
Joseph Whipple
Obadiah Clement

42 yeas.

Nays.

Geo. Atkinson
Jn^{o} Pickering
Geo. Gains
Mark Wiggin
Moses Shaw
James Hill
Enoch Coffin
Jer^{e} Eastman
Jn^{o} Allen
Jn^{o} Hogg
Ja^{s} Betton
Jn^{o} McDuffee
David Copp
Eleaz^{r} Davis
Jn^{o} Orr
Jon^{a} Blanchard
Rich^{d} Cutt Shannon
Jon^{a} Cram
Sam^{l} Philbrick
Waldron Stone
Jn^{o} Preston

Nays.

Francis Blood
Francis Towne
Elisha Whitcomb
Sam^{l} King
Lemuel Holmes
Jn^{o} Hubbard
Eben^{r} Green
Jn^{o} Duncan

31 Nays.

Thursday, June 19th, 1783.

Acts passed: viz. An Act to enable Henry Butler to convey certain lands in Meredith to one Benjamin Swain: An Act impowering Simeon Smith to sell & convey a lot of land in Northfield in behalf of his Son John Smith, a minor: An Act to grant & confirm to Daniel Warner, his heirs and assigns a thousand Acres of land: An Act to dissolve the marriage between Winthrop Runnels & Eunice his wife.

[P. 420.] Vote desiring the President to inform Congress of the decease of the late Loan officer of this State & recommend Jn^{o} T. Gilman Esq^{r} to that office.

[P. 421.] Vote to receive the Report of the Committee on paying the soldiers for the year 1781; viz.

"That the Treasurer of the State be directed to issue State Notes in the usual manner for discharging the wages of soldiers belonging to this State for the year 1781,—Any former prohibition to the contrary notwithstanding."

Vote for the Committee of Safety to provide an office at Exeter for Mr. Gorham, the Commissioner appointed by Congress to settle accounts with this State.

Friday, June 20th 1783.

[P. 422.] Vote to pay Joseph Pearson £148:4:0, for his extra service as Deputy Secretary to this time.

Vote appointing the Honbl William Whipple, Esqr one of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature of this State.

[P. 423.] Vote empowering John T. Gilman, Treasurer of this State to execute & finish sundry things in his office, left unfinished by the late Treasurer.

Vote to pay Ichabod Rollins, Esqr £26:4:6 to discharge a Debt recovered against him by one William Cotten for shoes for the use of the State.

Vote directing the Treasurer to supply Abiel Foster, Esqr with the first money that comes into the Treasury to enable him to proceed to Congress.

Vote for an Inventory to be taken throughout the State, of the number of persons, and also of the Acres of Land, agreeably to a resolve of Congress.

An Act to vest the right of keeping a Ferry over Saco river in this State, in Stephen Coffin his heirs & assigns—Enacted.

[P. 424.] Vote on an Address to the people of this State on sundry matters recommended by Congress.

[From the Journal of the House, June 20th 1783.]

Voted, That the following Address be sent to the several Towns and Places in this State.

An Address to the People of the State of New Hampshire.

Whereas the United States in Congress assembled have taken into consideration so much of the eighth Article of the Confederation And perpetual union between the thirteen States of America, as is contained in the following words, Namely: "All charges of War and all other expenditures that shall be incurred for the common defence or general "welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, "shall be defrayed out of a common Treasury, which shall be supplied "by the several States in proportion to the value of all Land within "each State, granted to or surveyed for any person, as such land and "buildings and improvements thereon shall be estimated, according to "such mode as the United States in Congress assembled shall from time "to time direct and appoint," and have agreed to revoke and make void the same, and to substitute in lieu thereof the following, namely: "That all charges of the war and all expences [that] have been or shall "be incurred for the common defence or general welfare, and allowed "by the United States in Congress assembled, except so far as shall be "otherwise provided for, shall be defrayed out of a common treasury, "which shall be supplied by the several States in proportion to the whole "number of white and other free citizens and inhabitants, of every age, "sex and condition, including those bound to servitude for a term of "years, and three-fifths of all other persons not comprehended in fore-"going description, except Indians not paying taxes, in each State, "which number shall be triennially taken and transmitted to the United States in Congress assembled, in such mode as they shall direct "and appoint;"

The foregoing alteration the United States in Congress Assembled have agreed to make in case the respective States shall authorize their delegates to subscribe and ratify the same as part of the said Instrument. The reasons for this alteration are comprised in the following words of An Address of the United States in Congress Assembled, to the respective States, (viz.)

"The expediency and even necessity of such a change has been sufficiently enforced by the local injustice and discontents which have proceeded from valuations of the soil in every State where the experiment has been made; but how infinitely must these evils be increased on a comparison of such valuations among the States themselves; on whatever side indeed this rule be surveyed, the execution of it must be attended with the most serious difficulties. If the valuations be referred to the Authorities of the several States, a general satisfaction is not to be hoped for; if they be executed by officers of the United States traversing the country for that purpose, besides the inequalities against which this mode would be no security, the expense would be both enormous and obnoxious; if the mode taken in the Act of the seventeenth day of February last, which was deemed on the whole least objectionable be adhered to, still the insufficiency of the data to the purpose to which they are to be applied, must greatly impair if not utterly destroy all confidence in the accuracy of the result; not to mention that as far as the result can be at all a just one, it will be indebted for the advantage to the principle on which the rule proposed to be substituted is founded. This rule tho' not free from objections is liable to fewer than any other that could be devised, the only material difficulty which attended it in the deliberations of Congress, was to fix the proper difference between the labor and industry of free inhabitants, and of all other inhabitants. The ratio ultimately agreed on was the effect of mutual concessions; and if it should be supposed not to correspond precisely with the fact, no doubt ought to be entertained that an equal spirit of accommodation among the several Legislatures will prevail against little inequalities which may be calculated on one side or the other."

The General Assembly having maturely considered the alteration proposed & recommended to be made, are fully convinced of the expediency and utility of the measure; but at the same time wish to be instructed and impowered particularly by their constituents in a matter of such importance as the alteration of an Article of the Confederation: And, therefore recommend to the Selectmen of the several Towns and places in this State as soon as may be, to call meetings for the purpose of instructing and impowering their representatives, with respect to the proposed alteration.

The Committee on the recommendations of Congress Report as their opinion, that the following Resolution of Congress and consequent requisition of the General Court be printed in hand-bills and directed to the Select men of the several Towns, Parishes and places within this State, (viz.)

By the United States in Congress Assembled, February 17th, 1783.

Whereas by the eighth article of Confederation and perpetual union, it is agreed and declared, that all charges of war, and all other expences for the common defence and general welfare allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be defrayed out of a common Treasury which shall be supplied by the several States in proportion to the value of all lands within each State, granted to or surveyed for any person, as such land and the Buildings and the improvements thereon shall be estimated, according to such mode as the United States in Congress assembled shall from time to time direct and appoint:

RESOLVED, That the Legislatures of each State be and they hereby are required to take such measures as shall appear to them most effectual for obtaining a just and accurate account of the quantity of Land in such State granted to or surveyed for any person, the number of buildings thereon, distinguishing houses from the other buildings, and the number of its inhabitants, distinguishing white from black; that the Legislatures of each State be and they hereby are required, to cause the said account to be transmitted and delivered to Congress on or before the first day of March 1784, and that Congress will on the second day of March 1784 or at their next sitting thereafter, appoint a grand Committee consisting of a number present from each State, to take into their consideration the said return, any nine of whom concurring shall make a just and true estimate of the value of all the lands in each of the United States, granted to or surveyed for any person, and of the buildings & improvements thereon, and shall report such Estimate to Congress to be subject only to their approbation or rejection; That the said estimate when approved by Congress shall be a rule for adjusting all accounts between the United State and the individual States; that is, Each State shall be debited for its just quota or proportion on the principle aforesaid, of the money theretofore advanced or paid, and of the amount in value of the supplies furnished by all the States for the service of the United States, and credited for the money advanced and of the amount in value of the supplies furnished by such State for the service of the United States; And the said estimate shall operate for a term not exceeding five years as a rule for apportioning on the several States the sums which Congress shall from time to time deem necessary and require to be raised for supporting the public credit, and contingent expences; and that the money which shall be paid from time to time by any State into the Continental treasury on account of such quota or appointment, shall be duly passed to the credit of such State on the said account.

Agreeable to the foregoing resolution the Selectmen of the several Towns, Parishes and places within this State or the major part of them or others by them appointed at the charge of the Town, parish or place they belong to, are hereby called upon and required to make out a just and accurate account of all the Inhabitants within their respective towns, of every age, sex and condition, and of the quantity of land without distinguishing good from bad, and of the number of framed buildings, in five columns ageeable to the following form, viz:

Number of white inhabitants.	Number of black inhabitants.	Number of dwelling houses.	Number of barns and other buildings.	Number of acres of land.

That the person or persons making out the aforesaid account shall make Oath to their Fidelity therein before some Justice of the peace within the Same County, a certificate of which oath from the Justice who administered it, together with the said account, signed by the persons who made out the same shall be returned into the Secretary's office on or before the first day of October; and where it so happens in any town, parish or place that no selectmen are chosen, the Selectmen of the next oldest town shall by themselves or others by them appointed for that purpose, make out said account, and cause the same to be returned as aforesaid; for which they shall be paid out of the Treasury an adequate reward, on their account being exhibited and allowed by the General Assembly.

Vote for the President to recommend Mr. Nathaniel Gilman, jun. to Congress as a proper person to be appointed Loan officer in this State.

Vote appointing Lieut. Meshech Bell to the command of the old Fort at New Castle, called Fort William & Mary.

Vote for the Court to meet at Concord next session.

Vote appointing John Hale Esq^r of Hollis a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum for the County of Hillsborough.

Vote appointing George Atkinson Esq^r a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum for the County of Rockingham.

[P. 425.] Vote appointing Davenport Phelps Esq^r of Orford a Justice of the peace for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Joshua Merrill of Warren a Coroner for the County of Grafton.

Vote appointing Enoch Hale Esq^{r} of Rindge a Justice of the peace & of the Quorum for the County of Cheshire.

Vote to accept the Report of the Committee respecting the Barracks, platforms &c. at Piscataquay—[to wit.]

That Major Gains & Nath^{l} Folsome, jun^{r} be a Committee to dispose of the Barracks & Platforms at Forts Washington, Sullivan & Jerry's Point at Piscataqua Harbour; that they dispose of the same at Public Vendue; that Capt Titus Salter deliver up to the aforesaid Committee all the military ordnance & other public stores under his care, and that the thanks of the General Assembly be returned Capt. Salter for all his good services for this State.

Vote ascertaining the pay of the members of the General Court;—viz. "That they be paid six shillings per day for their attendance during this session & four pence per mile for their travel to & from their homes, &c."

Vote to desire Capt. Josiah Gilman (as Committee on Claims) to attend the General Court at Concord next session.

Vote directing all selectmen to stop supplying soldiers families at the expence of the State.

Vote to adjourn the General Assembly till the last Tuesday of October next, then to meet at Concord.

Attest, E. THOMPSON, Sec^{y}.

THANKSGIVING FOR PEACE.

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By the United States in Congress assembled.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events to dispose the hearts of the late belligerent Powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only rescued from the dangers and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and Independence ultimately acknowledged: And whereas in the progress of a contest on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favor hath been most abundantly & most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every reason for praise & gratitude to the God of their salvation:—Impressed therefore with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded & of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being from whose goodness

& bounty they are derived;—The United States in Congress Assembled, do recommend it to the several States to set apart the Second Thursday in December next as a day of public Thanksgiving, that all the People may then Assemble to celebrate with grateful hearts & united voices, the praises of their Supreme & all bountiful Benefactor, for his numberless favours and mercies;—that he hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war; that he hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights; that he hath raised up a powerful ally to assist us in supporting them & hath so far crowned our united efforts with success; that in the course of the present year hostilities have ceased & we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberties & Independence, and of the fruits of our lands, & in the free participation of the treasures of the sea; that he hath prospered the labour of our Husbandmen with plentiful Harvests; and above all that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed Gospel & secured to us in the fullest extent, the rights of conscience in faith and worship: And while our hearts overflow with gratitude & our lips set forth the praises of our Great Creator, that we also offer up our fervent supplications, that it may please him to pardon all our offences, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection & to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honor and interest; to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work. and to be lovers of peace & tranquillity; that he may be pleased to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and Navigation; to smile upon our seminaries & means of education; to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish; to give peace to all Nations & to fill the world with his glory.

Done by the United States in Congress Assembled. Witness his Excellency Elias Boudinot our President, this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three, & of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the eighth.

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